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# Kentucky Equal Rights Association,

October 24th, 25th and 26th, 1894.

## MERRICK LODGE, LEXINGTON, KY.

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MRS. S. G. HUMPHREYS, Versailles.
MRS. S. M. GOODKNIGHT, Frankfort.
MRS. MAY R. PATTERSON, Lancaster.
DR. LOUISE SOUTHGATE, Walton.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

NEWPORT, KY., September 13th, 1894.

At the residence of Mrs. M. K. Jones, an Executive Committee meeting was held to discuss matters relative to state work.

The date of the convention was left to the choice of the Fayette Equal Rights Association.

Program for State Convention was discussed and arranged.

Mrs. Farmer was appointed Committee on Railroad Rates.

An invitation to send fraternal delegates to the State Convention was extended to the Twentieth Century Club of Cincinnati.

MRS. MARY MUGGERIDGE,
*Recording Secretary.*

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## PLAN OF WORK AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

LEXINGTON, KY., October 24th, 1894.

Plan of Work Committee met at Merrick Lodge, I. O. O. F. Hall, at 9 A. M., Miss Laura Clay in the chair. Meeting opened with prayer by Miss Anna Morgan. The following recommendations were carried:

1st. That the Associations continue the School Suffrage work, with a view to asking for full school suffrage from the next Legislature.

2nd. That we vigorously continue the work to raise the "age of protection" for girls.

3rd. That the committee having charge of this work be empowered to appoint assistants at their discretion.

4th. That this association continue their efforts to secure Houses of Reform for boys and girls and to urge the appointment of women on the Board of Managers.

5th. That by an amendment of the By-Laws the words "Hygiene and Dress Reform" in that department be changed to "Hygiene and Physical Culture."

6th. Adjourned.

## MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday morning, October 24th, 1894.

Meeting opened with the President, Miss Laura Clay, in the chair. Scripture lesson and prayer by Miss Anna Morgan.

A letter from the Treasurer regretting her inability to be present was read by Mrs. Farmer: On motion Mrs. Farmer was elected as Treasurer pro. tem. Motion made and carried that the Treasurer's books be open until Thursday morning to receive belated dues.

The President announced the following committees.

CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Farmer. Mrs. Beauchamp. Mrs. Cramer.

COURTESY.

Mrs. Charles. Dr. Siewers.

PUBLICATION.

Mrs. Muggeridge. Mrs. Farmer. Miss Wood.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. Bennett. Miss Wood. Mrs. Leech. Mrs. Charles.
Mrs. Wolcott. Mrs. Goodnight.

AUDITORS.

Mrs. Wolcott. Miss Wood.

The following fraternal delegates from the Twentieth Century Club of Cincinnati were introduced: Mrs. Young, Miss Potter, Mrs. Sachs, Dr. Swift, Mrs. Addison. The President read a letter from Mrs. Shrader, President of the Twentieth Century Club, filled with good wishes and kindly greetings. By a unanimous vote of the convention the privileges of the floor were extended to the fraternal delegates from Cincinnati. Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, one of the delegates of the Fayette Equal Rights Association, brought fraternal greetings from the Kentucky W. C. T. U., having been appointed a fraternal delegate by that body.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read by Mrs. Farmer and accepted.

Report of Mrs. Gibson, Superintendent of Work Among Young People, was accepted, and led to an interesting discussion. Mrs. Beauchamp recommended that Sunday-School teachers teach one standard of morals for boys and girls. Doctor Siewers urged the members of the convention to use their influence with school teachers to teach the equality of the sexes in the school room.

Report of the Credential Committee read, with instructions regarding the rights and privileges of delegates. The convention was composed of thirty delegates from Louisville, Covington, Newport, Lexington, Frankfort, Richmond, Wilmore, Versailles, and six fraternal delegates from Cincinnati and Berea.

Report of Dr. Sarah M. Siewers, Superintendent of Hygiene, read and accepted.

Miss Clay announced a change in the evening program. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Sawyer, the paper entitled "Woman in Politics" by a Kentucky woman, on the program for the afternoon, would be read by Mrs. Mary B. Clay in the evening, following the President's address.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay was appointed to solicit subscribers for the Woman's Journal and Woman's Column.

Adjourned.

*Wednesday Afternoon.*

Meeting opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Beauchamp.

Report of Frankfort Committee read by Mrs. Farmer. Accepted.

An interesting paper and report on the "Age of Protection for Girls," read by Mrs. Mary K. Jones.

Report of Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work, read by Mrs. Farmer. Accepted.

Report on Houses of Reform and the work in connection with the Legislature read by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. S. A. Charles. Accepted. Mrs. Beauchamp, being chairman of a similar committee from the W. C. T. U., was invited to open the discussion on this work. Moved that no name be recommended to the Legislature for these Houses of Reform.

Mrs. Henry recited a comic poem.

Miss Anna Morgan, Superintendent of Woman's Work in the Public Schools, read her report. Accepted.

By request, Mrs. S. M. Goodknight read a comic poem.

Adjourned.

*Wednesday Evening.*

Prayer—Miss Anna Morgan.

Address—Miss Laura Clay.

Paper—"Woman in Politics" (by a Kentucky Woman), read by Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

Thursday Morning, October 25th, 1894.

Meeting opened with Scripture reading by Miss Clay.

Mrs. Leech, of Louisville, reported the serious illness of Mrs. Woodbridge, the Corresponding Secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Association. Prayer by Miss Clay in which our afflicted sister was remembered.

Mrs. Dodge, fraternal delegate from the W. C. T. U. of Berea, was introduced and unanimously given the privileges of the floor.

The Convention proceeded to discuss the following recommendations of the Plan of Work Committee:

1st. That the Association continue the school suffrage work, with a view to asking for full school suffrage from the next Legislature. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Farmer continue to have this work in charge. Miss Morgan moved that petitions be circulated for a State law giving

school suffrage to women. Carried. It was moved that the Louisville Association push the subject for cities of the first class, apart from the general State law. It was also carried that separate action should be taken for the cities of the third and fourth class. Mrs. Leech moved that the Executive Committee take charge of this work and sub let it, as it were. Carried.

2nd. That we vigorously continue the work to raise the "Age of Protection for Girls." The committee of last year, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Humphreys, were continued, with power to select their own assistants. It was moved that a sum of money be raised to further this work; to disseminate appropriate literature. About twenty dollars was raised by pledges for the use of this committee. Carried.

3rd. That we continue to work for Houses of Reform, and Mrs. Charles be Chairman of this committee, with power to select her assistants. Carried.

4th. A constitutional amendment that the words "Hygiene and Dress Reform" be changed in this department to "Hygiene and Physical Culture." Carried.

5th. That this Association distribute suffrage literature liberally throughout the State, and that the distribution be placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Literature. Carried. That we adopt the political divisions for the State House of Representatives as the basis for the systematic distribution of literature. Carried. That each local association be recommended to distribute literature in its own territory and pay the expenses therefore. Carried.

6th. To have the Louisville Association assist in pushing school suffrage throughout the State. Carried.

7th. That a committee be chosen to go before political conventions to present the cause of full suffrage, and that the Superintendent of Legislative and Petitition Work, with the Executive Committee, form a general committee to arrange for the political conventions which meet in this State the coming year. Carried.

8th. That program meetings be recommended to the Locals by this Convention. Carried.

9th. That we accept Mrs. Beauchamp's offer of a page of the Kentucky White Ribbon for the use of this Association. Carried.

Adjourned.

*Thursday Afternoon.*

Meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Dodge. Scripture texts proving the equality of the sexes, read by the delegates.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary read and accepted.

Report of the member of the Executive Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association read and accepted.

Report of Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Auditor's Report accepted.

Report of State Organizer read and accepted.

Report of Superintendent of Political Study accepted.

A very interesting paper on Kindergarten work was read by Miss Mary Hamilton.

By request, a comic speech by Miss Jennie Rugg.

A paper read by Dr. Siewers on "Why Professional Women Want The Ballot."

Report of Mrs. Leech, Superintendent of Education Opportunities for Women. Accepted.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Jennie O. Morton, of Frankfort, read by Miss Clay.

Adjourned.

*Thursday Evening.*

Prayer—Rev. W. F. V. Bartlett.

School Suffrage with Illustrations of Registration and Voting—Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer.

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Friday Morning, October 26th, 1894.

Meeting opened with Scripture reading by Mrs. Bennett. Prayer by Mrs. Beauchamp.

The minutes of the Plan of Work Committee read and the following recommendations adopted:

1st. An amendment to the State Constitution striking out the clauses providing for county delegates.

2nd. That this Convention learns with pleasure of the interest taken by colored women in the work of the Equal Rights Association, and commends to them the organization of local associations, especially in cities where school suffrage will prevail next year.

3rd. That we urge upon all the local associations to form classes to study Business Law.

4th. That we recommend the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to petition the Governor to appoint a woman on the Board of Education of the A. and M. College.

5th. That we continue the Free Lecture Bureau.

A letter was then read from Mr. C. H. Stoll, President Belt Railroad Company, inviting the delegates to take a ride in the afternoon upon the electric cars, taking in points of interest in the city. Mr. Stoll's kind invitation was accepted.

The death of Mrs. Woodbridge was feelingly reported by Mrs. Leech, and the Corresponding Secretary requested to write a letter of sympathy to the officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Chicago.

A letter from Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery was read by Miss Clay, notifying the Convention that the local associations could obtain certain speakers between January 15th and February 15th, 1895, as they pass to or from the National American Woman's Suffrage Convention.

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry informed the Convention that a remonstrance was to be circulated in the South, opposing woman suffrage, and asked that every equal rights woman in the South send her in as few words as possible her reasons for wanting to vote, to be sent to her within two weeks.

Mrs. Humphreys reported an offer from Helen H. Gardner to supply her book "Pray you, sir, is This Your Daughter?" to this Association for distribution among our Legislators at ten cents a copy. This offer was accepted and Miss Anna Morgan was appointed to solicit contributions for the purpose. She collected three dollars and seventy-five cents ($3.75). Individuals were allowed to subscribe for the book at fifteen cents a copy, five cents extra being for postage. The book deals with the subject "Age of Consent."

Report of the Free Lecture Bureau read and accepted.

Moved by Mrs. Charles that Mrs. H. T. Groom be made her assistant on the Committee for House of Reform. Carried.

Report of Press Work read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Humphreys, and accepted.

The resignation of Mrs. Sawyer, Superintendent of Bible Study, accepted with regret.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*, - - - - - - - - Miss Laura Clay.
*First Vice-President*, - - - - - - - Mrs. Mary B. Clay.
*Second Vice-President*, - - - - - - Mrs. Mary Cramer.
*Third Vice-President*, - - - - - - Mrs. Mary K. Jones.
*Corresponding Secretary*, - - - - Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer.
*Recording Secretary*, - - - - - Dr. Sarah M. Siewers.
*Treasurer*, - - - - - - Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Adjourned.

*Friday Afternoon.*

Meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Dodge, followed by reading Scripture passages on "the law of freedom" by the members.

The following motion carried—That in order to facilitate business each delegate vote for five delegates to the National Convention at one time, and the five receiving the highest number be declared elected; the one receiving the smallest number to be a delegate in the contingency that the Association have enough paid up members by the first of January to entitle it to a fifth delegate. The following delegates to the National American Woman's Suffrage Association Convention were elected: Mrs. Mary B. Clay was elected the member of the National Executive Committee; Mrs. Leech, Alternate.

*Delegates:*

Mrs. Farmer. Mrs. Bennett. Mrs. Humphreys.
Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Cramer.

*Alternates:*

Miss Morgan. Mrs. Muggeridge. Capt. Wm. Henry.
Miss Wood. Miss Hamilton.

It was moved that if any vacancies occur they be filled by the alternates in numerical order. Carried.

Moved, that if any member of the delegation be absent in Atlanta, the delegation are empowered to fill the vacancy from other members of the State Association present.

An interesting paper on the "Age of Consent" was read by Mrs. Humphreys, followed by discussion.

Oration, "Daughter of the Revolution," by Miss Cora Dunn.

Moved that a report of the Resolution Committee be heard; moved that they be acted upon as a whole.

The following Superintendents of Departments were elected:

*Bible Study*. Miss L. M. Stratton, Wilmore.
*Political Study*: Mr. E. W. Bagby, Paducah.
*Literature:* Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, Wilmore.
*Press Work:* Mrs. S. G. Humphreys, Versailles.
*National Enrollment:* Mrs. S M. Hubbard, Hickman.
*Legislative and Petition Work:* Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Versailles.
*Educational Opportunities for Women:*
Mrs. Caroline A. Leech, 1735 First Street, Louisville.
*Industrial Training for Women:* Mrs. M. C. Roark, Lexington.
*Hygiene and Physical Culture:* Dr. Sarah M. Siewers, Newport.
*Work Among Young People:* Mrs. Ella Gibson, Richmond.
*Advancement of Women's Work in the Public Schools:*
Miss Anna Morgan, Newport.
*State Organizer:* Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Covington.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

Adjourned.

The members took a delightful ride in the electric cars.

*Friday Evening.*

Prayer—Rev. J. W. McGarvey.
Address—Mrs. Josephine K. Henry.

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Saturday, October 27th, 1894.

Plan of Work and Executive Committee met in joint session at the residence of Miss Laura Clay. After prayer by Miss Morgan the Executive Committee made the following appropriations: sixteen to twenty dollars for Printing; three dollars to Corresponding Secretary; three dollars to Bible Study; twenty dollars to Superintendent of Literature; three dollars to Legislative Work; ten dollars to School Suffrage and State Organizer.

Donations of one dollar each accepted with thanks from Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennett, Mrs. M. B. Clay and Mrs. M. K. Jones.

Resolved: That a petition for House of Reform for boys and for girls and to have women on their Boards of Management be circulated for the signatures of officials of cities and benevolent and religious societies.

It was voted that the Fayette association should appoint an editor, and fill the page in the White Ribbon for the year.

Moved that an assistant for the Recording Secretary be appointed at the opening of the next convention; that files be provided for the tables of each Secretary; that a gavel be provided for the President. Passed.

Moved that each individual member of the Equal Rights Associa-

tion shall, whenever there is an opening, use her influence to have an appointment made for organization. That said member shall report the same to the State Organizer, and shall, with her, make all necessary arrangements for accomplishing the same. Passed.

Moved that the expenses of the Organizer be provided for in such manner as the President, Organizer and Treasurer deem best. Passed.

Adjourned.

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## REPORT OF THE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association was held in Washington, D. C., February, 1894. Our President opened the Convention, and delegates from the following States were present: Colorado 2, Connecticut 3, District of Columbia 6, Georgia 3, Illinois 3, Kansas 7, Kentucky 3, Maine 4, Rhode Island 2, Maryland 3, Massachusetts 6, Michigan 3, Nebraska 3, New Jersey 5, New York 20, Ohio 9, Pennslyvania 5, South Carolina 1, Vermont 1, Virginia 2.

The welcoming address to the Convention was delivered by the Hon. John W. Ross, President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and many United States Senators and Congressmen addressed the Convention during its sessions.

At the first meeting of the Executive Committee we resolved that "the special efforts of the National American Woman Suffrage Association be concentrated this year on campaigns in Kansas and New York," but that the Southern Committee should have full opportunity to present the work of the Southern States to the Convention. More than two thousand dollars were raised in the Convention for Kansas, and a liberal supply of money and literature was donated to the Southern Committee.

It was decided to hold our National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in January and February, 1895, and the following women were elected officers of the Association:

Honorary President, ELIZABETH CADY STANTON.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY, - - - - - - - President.
REV. ANNA HOWARD SHAW, - - - Vice-President at large.
ELLEN B. DIETRICH, - - - Corresponding Secretary.
ALICE STONE BLACKWELL - - - - Recording Secretary.
HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, - - - - - Treasurer.
RACHEL FOSTER AVERY, - - - - - - - } Auditor.
JOSEPHINE K. HENRY, - - - - - - - }
CARRIE L. CHAPMAN–CATT - - - - National Organizer.

Respectfully Submitted,

SARAH CLAY BENNETT,
*Member of Executive Committee, N. A. W. S. A.*

## REPORT OF THE FRANKFORT COMMITTEE.

The following members of the Frankfort Committee were appointed at the close of the Convention of 1893. Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Mrs. S. L. Avery, Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, Mrs. M. B. Clay and Mrs. S. M. Goodknight. Mrs. Josephine K. Henry being the Superintendent of Legislation and Petition Work, was the *ex officio* chairman of this committee.

Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer were the only members able to attend to the Legislative work. Five trips were made to Frankfort, the first time remaining five days. By a unanimous vote of its members the House of Representatives was granted to this committee for the evening of January 9th, 1894. Miss Laura Clay, our grand leader, appealed for women physicians in the Insane Asylums of this State. Mrs. Farmer spoke for school suffrage, having been appointed by Mrs. Henry to take charge of this work. Mrs. Josephine K. Henry fairly electrified the audience on the question of property rights and equal rights for all. Many converts to the property rights were made at that time.

Mrs. S. A. Charles and Mrs. Beauchamp were appointed a committee on "House of Reform." Mrs. Charles was indefatigable in her work, appearing before all kinds of committees in the Senate, House and lobbies, to enlist the sympathy of the men to secure a place for reforming girls as well as boys.

A committe was appointed on the "Age of Consent"—Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Humphreys. They appeared before a special committee from the Senate. You are all aware of the decision of that committee—that these women had *misconstrued the law*, when, in fact, the women were right and the men were wrong.

January 30th our committee reported at Frankfort by request of the House Committee on Municipalities to hear the discussion on the charter for second class cities, but this was postponed to a later date.

On February 1st the Property Rights bill was discussed and passed the House by a vote of 76 to 14. It was passed over to the Senate at once, and there we had the pleasure of hearing the first reading of the bill. This was a day of rejoicing for the women who have labored so long for a change in the laws for property rights of married women.

Our time was profitably spent in discussion with certain members of both Houses and bills were introduced in the Senate for the co-guardianship of minor children, and women physicians in the Asylums for the Insane. We were received very kindly by the members of the different committees when we presented to them the changes we desired in the laws particularly affecting women and children.

We are gaining ground slowly but surely, and will finally obtain all that we desire. Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Secretary.

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## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The year just closed has been a successful one. Our membership has increased. The auxiliary Associations have been quite active,

with the aid of the W. C. T. U., in circulating petitions for the "Age of Consent," with the appeal so ably prepared by Mrs. Henry. These petitions were collected and sent to Mrs. Mary K. Jones, Chairman of this committee, and arranged for presentation to the Legislature. The members of the Frankfort Committee were present when Senator Goebel, of Covington, presented a bill which he had prepared to raise the "age of consent," and at the same time when the petitions were unrolled there was silence in the Senate for a few moments.

A great work was accomplished in securing a school suffrage clause in the charters for cities of the second class. The local associations of Covington, Newport and Lexington did very active work. This clause makes the women of these cities eligible as members of the Board of Education and qualified to vote for the same. This right was secured to us on March 19th, 1894, when Governor John Young Brown signed the charter and in November, 1895, all women twenty-one years and over in the cities of Covington, Newport and Lexington can register and vote.

The efforts for the passage of the Property Rights was ably conducted by Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, who gave her time and strength to this work as Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work. She was amply rewarded for all her labors when she saw the Governor's signature affixed to the bill March 15th, 1894.

We feel grateful to the members of both branches of the General Assembly who worked and voted for the passage of these bills. We should feel encouraged for what we have gained in the past, and be fully prepared for the next session of the Legislature.

We are glad to welcome two new associations to our membership. Let the good work continue until the whole State is fully organized. I have distributed about twenty-five hundred pages of literature. I sent to the Fair at Alexandria in September one hundred Woman's Columns and other suffrage papers.

## TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### FAYETTE EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The Fayette Equal Rights Association petitioned the Mayor and City Council of Lexington to appoint a woman on the School Board. Mrs. Wilbur R. Smith was appointed and has proven not only a most efficient member, but a most valuable addition to the Board.

The Association paid four dollars for typewriting in preparing draft of a bill on the "House of Reform" to be presented to the Legislature by our committee. Paid two dollars and fifty cents for advertising the lecture by the Hon. C. J. Bronston in behalf of the bill for the "House of Reform."

It was thought advisable to change the constitution in some respects. Annual dues reduced to fifty cents; a program committee appointed to arrange for each meeting—the result was increased attendance, larger membership, more interesting and very improving. Our association is always opened by reading Scripture and a prayer, Scripture selected gen-

erally portions relating to women; business; a paper, followed by discussion, then a conversation on current events, generally led by Superintendent of that department. We have had papers on Houses of Reform, Manual Training, Transcendentalism, Advancement of Women, and Kindergarten. We decided to take advantage of the Free Lecture Bureau and invited Mrs. J. K. Henry and Miss Laura Clay to address us. Good audiences at both lectures and a most courteous and intelligent interest manifested. After each lecture new members were added to our association.

This Association invited the State Convention to meet in Lexington in October. We sent a small donation to Florida for the Bazar for the benefit of the Southern Committee. A great number of Woman's Journals, Woman's Columns, and other suffrage literature are taken. Several thousand pages of suffrage literature have been distributed, this being a regular part of our work.

The Fayette Equal Rights Association has had a great loss and sorrow in the death of our beloved Mrs. Levi Prewitt, gentle, intelligent and zealous in all good works.

### KENTON COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

This Association meets semi-monthly in Covington. Have been much interested in the study of Civil Government, and have added to our membership. We sent a small donation to Florida for the Bazar for the benefit of the Southern Committee. A great number of Woman's Journals, Woman's Columns, and suffrage leaflets have been distributed.

### LOUISVILLE EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

No report, but the women of this association have not been idle.

### CAMPBELL COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Meets twice a month. Has over fifty members. Has distributed twelve hundred pages of literature. One address given by Mr. Leroy. Gave an entertainment on October 5th, which netted a neat sum for the association and was a great success artistically. The program was furnished by Miss Ida Roff, one of our members. It was the finest program ever presented to a Newport audience, and gave our association a standing in the city. The program sheet contained advertisements and enough suffrage sentiments to convert those who read them. These we scattered all over the city before the entertainment and they were read by persons who would never listen to a suffrage speech. During the year we have lost two members by the hand of death—Mrs. Anna L. Ryder and Miss Clara Bourne. Mrs. Ryder was one of the oldest and most enthusiastic suffragists in America. She has worked for the cause from her youth upward, and at the age of eighty-one her ardor had not abated. She was also a member of the Twentieth Century Club of Cincinnati and joined there a class in Civil Government which she attended regularly and with unflagging interest until her last illness prevented. Her vigor, enthusiasm and gentleness, as well as her intelligence, courage and perseverance made her beloved and honored by all who met her in the work to elevate humanity. May her spirit remain with us in our work.

### THE MADISON COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The Richmond Association has a regular place for meeting every month. Its membership has been very well kept up by the payments of its dues. We have added three new members this year, and have lost three by removal and withdrawal. The association has contributed seven dollars to the committee for raising the age of consent for girls, and fifteen dollars for the advancement of the cause in other ways. It has also distributed some suffrage literature. Its members have resolved to work harder to increase its membership in the future and to engage speakers to advocate the cause of suffrage. We sent a donation to the Florida Bazar for the benefit of the Southern Committee.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Corresponding Secretary.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

So far the support of the Lexington papers has been secured. Miss Laura Clay has kept up the Woman's Column in the Gazette. Mrs. Henry has contributed able articles to the Leader and Observer. Also to the Courier-Journal and Frankfort Capital. Mrs. Mary B. Clay has contributed articles to the Richmond Climax. Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett to the same paper and to the Courier-Journal. Mrs. S. G. Humphreys has written frequent articles for the Lexington Gazette and several for the Courier-Journal. Several of the contributors' articles have been copied in the largest papers over the State. Respectfully submitted,

SARAH G. HUMPHREYS, Superintendent.

## REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE AND PETITION WORK.

The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of our association. The most important thing we have asked of the Legislature; namely, the equalization of the laws in regard to the property rights of married women has been granted, and the new law came into effect June 13th, 1894. Curtesy and Dower was equalized. The wife's dower remains as it was under the old law; namely, one-third life interest in real estate, but the wife's interest in personalty is raised from one third to one-half interest in husband's personal estate. The husband's interest in a wife's property at her death is reduced from lifetime interest in all her real estate and absolute gift of all her personalty to one-third interest for life in her real estate, and one half interest in her personalty. So husband and wife have exactly the same interest in each other's estate. Neither husband nor wife can sell their real estate without the signature of the other. The husband can dispose of his realty subject to the dower interest of the wife. These splendid property laws are pronounced by leading lawyers of the State to be the greatest legal revolution that has taken place in our history. There is not a family in the State that these laws will not bring blessings to, sooner or later. This great advance along the line of justice gives evidence of the desire of Kentucky men to do justice to the women of the State, if the wrongs of women are properly presented. But let it not be thought that this victory

for human rights has been easily won. Years of toil, sacrifice, and expenditure of vitality and money were necessary to accomplish it, and the women of the State should remember that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association sowed in tears and anguish of spirit that they might reap justice and security. The passage of our bills over the legislative sea was a most perilous one, filling us alternately with hope and despair, and every day we were more impressed with the fact that the ballotless women has little power with legislators. Votes send men to the Legislature, and the *ins* always want to *stay in*, consequently a man armed with a vote can secure more legislation than a legion of women armed with that intangible, undefinable "influence" we hear so much of. Let us think deeply and act wisely with the fact before us, that as long as women are without votes, that whatever rights we gain from our Legislature may be ruthlessly wrested from us by the next. The cause of school suffrage I placed in the hands of Secretary Eugenia B. Farmer, and nobly she has done her work. To her we are indebted for the first woman suffrage wedge— I mean voting wedge—ever driven in the body politic of Kentucky. Through Mrs. Farmer's courage, determination and hard work, the women are allowed a vote in school affairs in the three cities of the second class in the State: namely, Covington, Newport and Lexington. Surely the women of these cities will eagerly avail themselves of the sacred right of citizenship by going to the polls and sending their influence into the public school system.

On the night of March 8th Josephine K. Henry addressed the Legislature on the subject of "American Citizenship." The Legislative Hall was voted unanimously and the Senate, which was holding night sessions, adjourned to hear the address. Our property rights bill was on this night virtually dead. Mrs. Henry in her speech never alluded to the property rights bill, but plainly asked the Legislature to create a power to which she could apply and receive her papers of citizenship, claiming that she had every qualification for citizenship save that of sex. The speech did not procure for her the right to vote, but the next morning, amid the greatest tumult, the dead property rights bill was resurrected and passed. Respectfully submitted,

Josephine K. Henry, Superintendent.

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## REPORT OF HYGIENE AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The Superintendent of this department recommends the Jenenss Miller Magazine on dress; Blaike's "How to get strong and how to stay so" for physical culture; and Steele's Physiology on the use of narcotics for hygiene. Two addresses were given in Newport on Hygiene and the other on Dress. The appointment of a committee or Superintendent in each local association to take charge of this work is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sarah M. Siewers, Superintendent.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S WORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

We have in our own State over nine thousand teachers in the public schools. Between six and seven thousand are women, which is over half of the number. There are seven hundred and fifty thousand children between six and twenty years of age under the training of these noble teachers. If every mother would become a co-helper with the teacher the results would be far greater in favor of the boys and girls in our public schools.

Lexington and Newport are among the schools in the State which have Lady Principals. There are five in Newport. The first one was Mrs. Lucy M. Dameron, and through her noble mother abilities she was successful. She governs through mother love. It has been my privilege to witness several cases who were sent to the Principal for correction; neither teacher nor pupils were aware of my presence, as I was in a recess waiting for Mrs. Dameron on some business. The most loving mother could not have been more careful or grieved to see those children under the eye of the Principal. I shall never forget her mild but firm reproof: those eyes full of tears, and ashamed of their past conduct, but love in their expression towards her who was to condemn misbehavior. This Lady Principal has self control and she instills the same in others; self respect and dignity with each one under her teaching. God bless her in all things. Respectfully submitted,

ANNA B. MORGAN, Superintendent.

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## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE UPON THE PETITION TO RAISE THE "AGE OF CONSENT."

At the Equal Rights Convention held in Newport October, 1893, a resolution was adopted to petition the Legislature to enact a law for the protection of girls by raising the "age of consent" from twelve to eighteen years. Mrs. Sarah G. Humphreys, of Versailles, and I were appointed a committee to prepare the petition and go to Frankfort in its behalf. In a few days nearly a thousand petition headings were ready for circulation. We were fortunate in having the advice and assistance of Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, of Versailles, Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work in the Equal Rights Association, who wrote for our committee a most able paper on the "age of consent." It was an appeal to the General Assembly in behalf of our petition.

It was a lucid and forcible exposition of the law and its evil results, giving the ages fixed by law in the different States for the protection of girls. Four thousand appeals were printed and nearly three thousand were circulated.

The committee sent them three times to the State Board of Examiners, and in packages of twelve to the County Superintendents. Besides, we sent them to many leading citizens, including distinguished statesmen and some of the clergy. Mrs. Sarah G. Humphreys, who wields a fearless pen upon all subjects involved in the rights of women,

wrote an admirable article upon the "age of protection," which was published in the Courier-Journal and copied in several other papers. More than a hundred letters were written enclosing circulars and petition headings and soliciting signatures. Long lists of names came in.

In this work we had the valuable assistance of many members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Many other noble women of the State wrote us words of encouragement. Louisville and Lexington were represented upon our petition in the names of some of their worthiest citizens. Senator Goebel, of Kenton County, wrote the bill, and on January 12th our petition was presented to the Senate.

Mrs. Henry, who was present, thus describes the scene: "I was in the Senate when Senator Goebel resigned the chair and came down on the floor to present your monster petition. The pages unrolled it, yard after yard,and as the Reading Clerk read the petition to the Senate and crowded lobbies there was a thrilling silence." Senator Goebel's bill was referred to a committee, and on January 26th we received a letter from the chairman inviting us to appear before the committee. After this encouraging letter we lost no time in going to Frankfort.

On January 29th the committee gave us a hearing in a room at the Capitol Hotel. There were present Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer and myself. Mrs. Humphreys arrived just at the close of the meeting, but in time to discuss the subject with the senator who was selected to explain the committee's views. We presented our views and stated the consequences of the law.

We implored the Committee in the name of humanity and civilization to enact a law for the protection of young girls in their early teens, which would save them from the wiles and snares of the procuress and the libertine. We reminded them that for every young girl led astray and lost, some heart was breaking; and that we traced most of these sorrows to the law known as "Age of Consent."

The Committee were very courteous to us, but they told us that we did not understand the meaning of the law. They said it meant "Marriage," and that it was an old "English Statute" under which a girl of the age of twelve years might be legally married. The Committee said also that they had already reported Senator Moore's bill, and had agreed to raise the age to fourteen years. We would have preferred eighteen years, but were thankful for an increased protection of even two years. The dispatches from Frankfort announced that the "Age of Consent" bill was made a special order for Friday, February 16th. The Senate met on that day with closed doors, but the bill did not come up. A different bill was substituted, which passed.

The Legislature adjourned without acting upon either Senator Moore's or Senator Goebel's bill. The law remains the same, and girls are protected only up to twelve years. Yet we are not discouraged; our work has not been in vain: not lost, but only delayed. There has been an awakening of thought upon this law which leads to immorality, and a sentiment has been created in favor of reform.

We feel that no object can be nearer to our hearts than the protection of girls, that they may grow up to be useful women with pure mor-

als. We hope to take up the subject again and organize for future work. The same friends will come to our aid. We must look to the women, and especially to the mothers, to help us; and when we go to Frankfort to the next General Assembly we shall have the advantage of experience, and may with more confidence hope for success.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY K. JONES, Chairman Committee.

## REPORT OF TREASURER—1893-94.

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| To balance as per report | $48.92 | By Expenses of Convention at Newport | $11.50 |
| Donation from Capt. Williamson | 5.00 | Traveling Expenses of one member | 5.00 |
| Collections at evening meetings | 10.60 | Telegram (Lucy Stone) | .98 |
| Mrs. Mary Clay | 1.00 | Allowance to Corresponding Secretary | 6.00 |
| Lexington Association for Frankfort Committee | 8.00 | Printing Minutes | 16.00 |
| Annual Dues from | | Dues to National Association | 10.00 |
| Richmond Association. | 8.00 | Expenses, Frankfort | 22.08 |
| Newport Association... | 16.10 | Bible Work | 3.00 |
| Lexington Association.. | 9.80 | Balance October 24, 1894... | 57.84 |
| Wilmore Association... | 10.50 | | |
| Covington Association. | 3.50 | | |
| Check to Mrs. Sawyer, uncashed | 3.00 | | |
| Traveling Expenses donated by Miss Clay, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Farmer to Frankfort | 7.08 | | |
| | $132.40 | | $132.40 |

ISABELLA H. SHEPHARD, Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That as the home is the corner stone of the nation, and woman's special realm, that we call on all women in the home and school to teach children that there is no sex in intellect, no sex in work, no sex in ability, no sex in salary, no sex in right or wrong, and no sex in suffrage.

2nd. That we tender our grateful thanks to all ministers and laymen who in the late Congressional race of the Ashland district threw their influence on the side of public morality; and that we recognize with satisfaction in said race the result of woman's work, thereby proving her ability to organize, her independence of thought, and her superiority to environment.

3rd. That the fact that woman has become a great industrial factor

in the business world, emphasizes her right to say how she shall be taxed and under what laws she shall conduct her business.

4th. Since the stability of the Republic rests on the virtue and intelligence of the people, and since the State of Kentucky has one hundred thousand voters who can neither read nor write, and more educated women than illiterate, foreign and negro voters combined, and since male criminals outnumber female criminals fifty to one, the Kentucky Equal Rights Association demands the enfranchisement of Kentucky women, to maintain a true democracy, for the safety of our State.

5th. That we prosecute with renewed energy our work to secure a law for the protection of girls by raising the "Age of Consent."

6th. That the Association extend most grateful thanks to the press of Lexington, the Courier-Journal and other papers for their kind notices of our convention; to Mrs. Honaker and Mrs. Bell for their kindness in furnishing us with many beautiful flowers; to Judge Jewell, whose courtesy allowed us the use of an election booth; to Mr. Stall, President Electric Railroad, for the free ride around the city: to Mr. H. C. Farmer for pencils and tablets for the use of the convention; to the local committee of arrangements for their courtesy and kindness; and to the citizens of Lexington for their hospitality in entertaining the delegates and guests.

## REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZER.

Miss Laura Clay assisted in organizing Equal Rights Associations at Wilmore and Paducah. If we had an organizer in the field to stir up the women with house to house visitations and parlor meetings, freely distributing suffrage literature, we could spread the gospel of liberty throughout the State; but without money we are so helpless in our work. If there are only three in a place who believe in equal rights let them organize.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA B. FARMER.

## REPORT OF THE FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

At the close of the National American Woman Suffrage Convention February, 1894, Miss Laura Clay was invited to speak on suffrage in the City of Philadelphia. On the same subject she addressed audiences twice at Wilmore, once at Kirksville, once at Lancaster, once at Georgetown, once at Carrollton, once at Lexington for the E. R. A., once at Chautauqua in Lexington, twice at Paducah. She also spoke six times to small audiences of ladies in the church societies on the "Age of Consent."

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry delivered an address on Woman and the State in the Court House at Lexington, Ky., May 18th, 1894, to a large and attentive audience.

On September 27th she addressed the Teachers' Institute of Woodford County on Woman Suffrage. On the 28th of the same month she addressed a conjoint session of the Woodford and Jessamine Teachers'

Institute in the court house at Nicholasville. She distributed four hundred pages of literature and one hundred Woman's Columns.

Dr. Sarah M. Siewers gave three addresses in Newport and one in Cincinnati.

Mrs. E. B. Farmer has addressed the Newport Equal Rights Association several times on school suffrage.

Mrs. S. H. Sawyer has delivered four addresses on different phases of the suffrage work.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Secretary.

## FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

The following members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association have consented to give lectures on the different aspects of the work of the Association, without pay for their services, to parties making application through the Secretary of the Lecture Bureau :

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| Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, | Box 128, Versailles, Ky. |
| Mrs. Isabella H. Shephard, | 31 E. Twelfth St., Covington, Ky. |
| Mrs. James Bennett, | Richmond, Ky. |
| Mrs. Mary B. Clay, | White Hall, Madison Co., Ky. |
| Miss Laura Clay, | 78 N. Broadway, Lexington, Ky. |
| Mrs. S. H. Sawyer. | New Castle, Ky. |
| Dr. Sarah M. Siewers, | 209 E. Sixth St., Newport, Ky. |
| Mrs. Sarah G. Humphreys, | Versailles, Ky. |
| Miss Sadie Stewart, | W. Eleventh St., Newport, Ky. |
| Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, | 911 Scott St., Covington, Ky. |

Terms: The person asking for one of the lecturers shall pay for the hall, advertising, and entertainment of the speaker, and shall take a collection at the lecture for the benefit of the State Association, or shall pay traveling expenses of the lecturer. In case a collection is taken up for the benefit of the State Association, the traveling expenses of the lecturer shall be paid from the State Treasury.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Secretary,
911 Scott Street, Covington, Ky.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, State Superintendents of Departments, the State Organizer, one Delegate-at-Large, and one for every ten paying members from each auxiliary association.

The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, and at this meeting the general officers shall be elected.

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2ND VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY CRAMER, Lexington.

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RECORDING SEC'Y—MRS. SARAH HARDIN SAWYER, London.

TREASURER—MRS. ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, 31 E. 12th St., Covington.

## Superintendents of Departments.

*Bible Study*: To set forth the true position:
MRS. ELLEN V. GIBSON, Richmond.
*Political Study*: MR. E. W. BAGBY, - - Paducah.
*Literature*: MRS. FANNIE HAYS, - - Owensboro.
*Press Work*: MRS. SARAH G. HUMPHREYS, - Versailles.
*National Enrollment and Petition Work*:
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*Legislative Work*: MRS. JOSEPHINE K. HENRY, Versailles.
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## List of Officers of Local Associations.

### Fayette County Equal Rights Association.

*President*—MISS LAURA CLAY, - - - Lexington.
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### Kenton County Equal Rights Association.

*President*—MRS. EUGENIA B. FARMER, - - Covington.
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*President*—MRS SUSAN L. AVERY - - Louisville.
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*President*—MISS ELLA M. CARSON - - Wilmore.
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# Journal of Proceedings.

## FIRST DAY.

COVINGTON, KY., Oct 14, 1897.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, convened in the Guild Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church at Covington, Kentucky, October 14th, 1897, at 10 a. m., Miss Laura Clay, President, in the chair

The President conducted the devotional exercises, reading a paragraph from the Eleventh Chapter of St. Luke.

The Recording Secretary being absent, Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer, of London, was elected secretary protem

The following Committees were appointed:

CREDENTIALS—Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer and Mrs Isabella H. Shepard.

FINANCE—Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard and Mary Muggeridge.

PUBLICATION—Mrs Sarah H. Sawyer, Miss Laura Clay.

COURTESIES—Mrs. Laidley, Mrs. Collins.

AUDITORS—Mrs Ellen Gibson, Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennett.

Mrs. McLellan Brown and Mrs. Woodbury, of the Twentieth Century Club of Cincinnati, were introduced to the Convention. Miss Josephine Woodward, of the Commercial-Tribune, was also introduced, and on motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to these ladies.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, held during the interim of the conventions, were read. (See appendex). The president then read a letter from Rev. J. W. Hughes, president of Asbury College, Wilmore, and from Mrs. Scott, of Barbourville, commendatory of the work done at those places by Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe, National Organizer.

Mrs. Trimble, vice-president of the Covington Association, was introduced to the convention.

The committee on Credentials reported twenty-three officers, superintendents and delegates present, giving the convention that number of votes on all questions

Corresponding secretary read the names of the delegates to the convention, and also stated that Mrs. Caroline A Leech,

Supt. of Educational Opportunities for Women, was kept from the convention by ill health.

Mrs. S. M Hubbard, Supt of Petition Work, made a verbal report. Mrs. Sarah Gibson Humphreys, Supt of Press Work, made a verbal report.

On motion, it was decided to continue the discussion on press work at the afternoon session, and the convention adjourned to 2:30 p. m

## Afternoon, 2.30 O'clock.

Convention opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Sarah Hardin Sawyer, Supt. Bible Study. Minutes of morning session read and approved

Mrs. Gibson, of Richmond, read the following item of news, which provoked discussion:

"A recommendation has gone before the Presbyterian Board to the effect, that women be forbidden the use of pulpits for public addresses to mixed audiences, and that it be considered improper to give notice of such meetings from the pulpit Women, however, are still to be permitted to give public testimony for the benefit of and in the presence of the privileged sex "

—Demorest Magazine.

Mrs. Schrader, president of the Twentieth Century Club Cincinnati, and Mrs Drukker, president of the New Century Club of Cincinnati, were introduced to the convention, and on motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to them.

The Plan of Work Committee made a partial report. The report was considered sereatim and adopted (see arts. 1–5, of full report in Appendix )

The president read the bill presented by Hon. Chas. Bronston, of Lexington, to the last Legislature on the "Co-guardianship of Children," and a motion, that it is the sense of the convention that the bill is a judicious one, prevailed.

Mrs. Stanton, vice-president of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association, was introduced and addressed the convention.

Madams. Sherwood, Ferris, Miller, Walker and Nye, of Twentieth Century Club of Cincinnati, were greeted by the convention, and on motion, all the members of Women Suffrage Associations present were invited to take part in all discussions.

Discussion of press work was continued.

Mrs. Sarah Schrader of Twentieth Century Club, spoke as follows on the best methods of circulating and presenting petitions: "In circulating petitions, secure if possible the signa-

tures of the members of the County Central Committees of the respective political parties. In the large cities it is important, too, to get the signatures of the city committees of the parties as well. Get names of all prominent voters, and all active business men possible, paste the petitions together making one continuous roll, being careful to have those which contain the signatures of the prominent party and business men the first on the roll Send these petitions to the one who has the work in charge before the Legislature meets, that she may present them to the representative in the order which they belong "

Mrs. Sarah Schrader, president of the Twentieth Century Club, delivered an address, subject, "Why Women Want the Ballot."

The Corresponding Secretary read the sollowing message to the convention:

BOISE, IDAHO.

To the Equal Suffrage Association of Kentucky, and Mrs. Eugenia B Farmer, Cor. Sec'y , Covington, Ky.:

In behalf of the women of Idaho, I extend sincere thanks for your kindly greetings and congratulations. We can all rejoice in the magnificent victory that has been won.

Sincerely yours,

MRS M C ATHAY, Cor Sec'y I. E. S. A.

The president read the following letter from Miss Anthony:

ROCHESTER, N. Y , October 5th, 1897.

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

My dear friend:—I see it announced that the Annual meeting of your Equal Rights Association is to be held on October 14th and 15th I just want to tell you that in spirit I shall be with you, and that I hope you will have a good time, and will be made to feel that the work which the National Organization Committee has done in your section of the country has made some difference in the interest of the people in our good cause.

If it were not for the fact that I had religiously appropriated this year to studying over the history of the past, for the purpose of having my friend, Mrs. Harper, make a record of the most important points, I certainly should feel like breaking away from home and being with you in Lexington at your convention. But, as it is, I can only think of you and wish for you the best of everything that can be hoped for. So give my love to each and all of the people who are attendants and especially

to your own dear mother and sister Mary, reserving a good deal for yourself.

Very affectionately yours,

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

P. S.:—Of course. I shall expect to visit with you in Washington at the National Convention, the week between Feb. 13th and 20th. The Riggs House is to be our headquarters Urge everybody to be in Washington that week to help us, not only with our annual Convention, but also, in our Celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary of the first Woman's Rights Convention, held in New York State July 19th, 1848

You see we women have been wandering in the wilderness of disenfranchisement a whole decade of years longer than the children of Israel wandered in their wilderness. I wonder if the men of this nation are bound to compel us to wander through three decades more before they allow us to cross over into the Canaan of equality of rights, privileges, and immunities with themselves. S. B. A.

On motion, the letter was ordered spread on the minutes, and the corresponding secretary was directed to write Miss Anthony a letter of greeting and thanks.

The president asked the convention whose duty it shall be to send programs, leaflets and circular letters to the local Associations. A motion to adjourn prevailed before the matter was disposed of.

# SECOND DAY.

COVINGTON, KY , October 15th, 1897.

Convention met at 10 a m , the President in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman; Scripture lesson, 1st Tim. 5:21-23.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved. On motion it was decided that the president write the circular letters to the local Associations, sending them to the corresponding secretary, who shall make copies of them and enclose them with programs and leaflets and send to the local Associations.

Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe, of Chicago, was invited to take part in the discussions.

The corresponding secretary made the report of the Frankfort Committee which was accepted (See appendix.)

Mr. Wood, of Covington, was introduced to the convention, and declared his allegiance to the cause of the equality of the sexes.

Superintendent of Bible Study made a verbal report.

Plan of Work Committee made additional report (See report.)

Mrs James Bennett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, that we will continue to petition Congress to protect women equal with black men against State denial of that old right to vote for members of Congress and Presidential Electors, which they both exercised in New Jersey until 1807, by a law made in pursuance of the first section of the 14th Amendment of our National Constitution, in accordance with the combined Minor vs. Happersett, and Yarbrough decisions of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, and that a committee be appointed to attend to the same

On motion, Mrs James Bennett was appointed committee to carry into effect resolution offered by her.

Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe addressed the convention on "Methods of Raising money for the Cause," and described several entertainments which would help the cause, and at the

same time be renumerative. These entertainments are described in National Suffrage Bulletin for September, 1896, which can be procured from Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, Nat. Sec'y., 119 N. 19th St. Philadelphia, Penn.

For report of Mrs. DeVoe's organizing tour, (see appendix.)

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Farmer and Mrs Shepard were appointed tellers For general officers elected see page 1.

A motion to adjourn until 2 p. m , carried.

## Afternoon Session.

Conventiou called to order by President; devotional exereises conducted by Supt Bible Study; minutes read and approved

Corresponding Secretary made her report, which was accepted. (See report.) Treasurer made her report, which was referred to Auditing committee. Moved and carried, that the Treasurer's books shall be kept open until 1st of December for her report to the National Convention.

The call for the National Convention was read and delegates elected to same as follows: Member National Ex. Com., Mrs. Mary B. Clay. Delegates—Mrs Mary Cramer, Lexington; Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennett, Richmond; Mrs Mary Muggeridge, Newport; Mrs Sallie B Wolcott, Covington; Mrs. Ellen V. Gibson, Richmond Alternates—Mrs. Sarah Hardin Sawyer, London, Mrs W. F. Francis, Richmond; Miss Mary E. Wood, Newport.

On motion, it was ordered that the first delegate be the alternate of the member of National Executive Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That in case of a vacancy in the delegation at the National Convention, such place may be filled by election by the delegation, of any member of the Ky. E. R. Association present.

Superintandent of Woman's Work in the Public Schools Miss Annie B. Morgan, read her report. (See report.)

Mrs Sarah Clay Bennett, member National Executive Committee, read report (See report )

Auditors' report that they had examined Treasurer's report, and had found the same correct. (for Treas. report see appendix )

Report of Free Lecture Bureau was read and adopted. (See report.)

Miss Clay read a paper contributed by Mrs. L C. Obenchain, of Bowling Green.

On motion corresponding secretary was directed to write Mrs. Obenchain a letter of thanks for the excellent papers she contributes to the conventions each year.

Executive committee made nominations for superintendents and all were unanimously elected. See "Superintendents of Departments," page 2

Committee on resolutions offered report; after amendments the report was adopted. (See report.)

The president read an invitation to her as president of Ky. E, R Association, from the corresponding secretary of the National W. C T. U , inviting her to attend the National Convention. On motion Miss Clay was requested to convey the greetings of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to that convention, either in person or by written communication.

Attention was called to Woman's Journal, Woman's Column, Woman's Tribune, and other Suffrage papers, and the delegates were urged to increase their circulation as much as possible.

Mrs. DeVoe sang a song composed by her husband: "Oh, Sing of Wyoming."

On motion the convention adjourned.

At the evening sessions the following programs were carried out to the delight of large and appreciative audiences:

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

PRAYER.

Quartette..... { Dr Will Sullivan, Mrs. Laura Sullivan / Mrs. Sydnor Hall, Mr. John A Hanks

Address..... Laura Clay

Solo..... Mrs. John Mornan

Address..... Mrs Emma Smith De Voe

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

PRAYER.

Solo..... Robert Greenwood Jones

Accompanist..... Raymond Loder

Readings—Selections from the Book Compiled by Prominent Women Suffragists } Miss Helen Merci Schuster

Address..... Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe

SARAH HARDIN SAWYER, Secretary Protem

# Appendix.

## Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings.

LEXINGTON, KY., January 12, 1897.

An Executive Committee meeting was held at the residence of Miss Laura Clay, to consider a proposition from Mrs Margaret A. Watts, of Louisville, to be sent as a fraternal delegate from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to the World and National W. C. T. U. convention to be held in Canada in May of this year. Carried.

Miss Belle Bennett was appointed as a superintendent of "Work Among Young People." Committee rose.

EUGENIA B FARMER, Secretary Pro-tem

LEXINGTON, KY , March 8, 1897.

The Executive Committee met at the residence of the President, Miss Clay, with the following members present: Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs. Farmer. Mrs. Josephine K. Henry. Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work, having been invited, was present It was decided to attend the extra session of the Legislature The school suffrage work was placed in the hands of Mrs. Farmer. The House of Reform was placed in the hands of Mrs Charles and the Frankfort Committee to assist her. On motion it was decided that $20.00 be used for Frankfort expenses.

Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs Cramer were appointed on the Frankfort committee, with Mrs Farmer as chairman, as the school sufirage work was the only question that could be presented, according to the proclamation of the Governor for an extra session of the Legislature. Mrs Henry was requested to give one evening for a speech before the Legislature. Committee rose.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y Pro-tem.

COVINGTON, KY., Oct. 14, 1897.

The Executive Committee met in the parlor of Trinity Church and the President reported that she, by a circular letter

to members of the Executive Committee, recommended and the committee called on the National Organization Committee for a National Organizer to do work in the state, on the terms of raising one hundred dollars ($100) to go as far as it would go. Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe, of Chicago, was employed, and has herself contributed liberally to the work in the State by donating two weeks of her time

MRS. SARAH H SAWYER, Sec'y Protem-

COVINGTON, KY , Oct 15, 1897,

After the adjournment of the Tenth Annual Convention the committee met in the parlor of Trinity Church and on motion the following appropriations were made:

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| For Minutes | $ 18 00 |
| For Corresponding Secretary | 6 00 |
| National Enrollment | 10 00 |
| Recording Secretary | 1 00 |
| Programmes | 3 00 |
| Traveling expenses for Mrs. Clay | 6 75 |
| Traveling expenses for Miss Clay | 6 75 |
| Traveling expenses for Mrs. Cramer | 4 80 |
| To Frankfort Committee | 6 00 |

On motion, it was decided that each Association be asked to contribute to the publication of minutes.

SARAH H. SAWYER, Sec'y.

## REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

We recommend the following plan of work:

1. That we press the claims of mothers for the co-guardianship with fathers of minor children.

2. That we continue to urge upon the General Assembly to make mandatory the appointment of assistant women physicians in the insane asylums

3. That the work for school suffrage for all the women of the State be continued.

4. That we continue the Free Lecture Bureau

5. That the State Association provide programs and leaflets for the local associations for their monthly meetings, and send a circular letter quarterly to be read before the local association, and thus cement the union between the State and local works.

6. That the Frankfort Committee, appointed by Executive

Committee, viz: Mrs. E B. Farmer, Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs. Cramer, be continued.

7. That the work for raising age of protection be continued under same committee.

8. That we ask the Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment relieving the women of the State from taxation until they have the right of suffrage.

## REPORT OF FRANKFORT COMMITTEE.

An extra session of the Kentucky Legislature was called by the Governor for March 13, which was Saturday; on Monday Miss Clay, with Mrs. Farmer, preceded the committee from our Association to Frankfort, calling upon the Governor to be certain that we had the power to ask the Legislature to grant school suffrage to all the women of Kentucky.

Armed with the power from the Chief Executive of the State, the following members of the committee, Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Marv B. Clay and Mrs Cramer, proceeded at once to the Senate to ask Senator Goebel to draw up and introduce our school suffrage bill.

On the 18th of March the Senator introduced the bill. It was ordered printed and on the 19th copies were placed on the desks of the Senators and Representatives; it was then placed n the hands of the Judiciary Committee in both houses.

Then begin the labors of the committee—but the Senatorial contest hindered us in our work--after much lobbying our bill was passed by the Senate on the second of April, but some of the Senators objected to the bill being so fixed that it could not be re-considered, and the time set for re-consideration was the fifth of April, on the seventh Senator Goebel waited for the three days allowed by the Senate rules in which a bill can be re-considered, then he put the bill through, and asked that the clerk of the Senate at once take the bill over to the House, which he did, and it was received with great applause

In the House of Representatives the bill was placed in the hands of the Judiciary Committee; on the 8th the bill was read and ordered printed. From this time on to the 11th of May the committee labored with the members of the House, urging them to be as generous as the Senate had been, but it was all in vain. We are very grateful to Senators Goebel, Bronston and the many friends in the House who so fearlessly defended our bill.

No one knows the many hours of labor necessary to secure

the passage of a bill through the Legislature. Our bill was defeated in the House by only five votes out of 100 members The committee has the names of the gentlemen who voted for and against us. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FARMER,
MISS CLAY,
MRS. MARY B. CLAY, } Committee.
MRS CRAMER.
MRS. HENRY.

## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

October 14th, 1897.

At the close of the National Suffrage Convention, January, 1897, our State President secured a favorable opinion from each member of the Executive Committee as to the advisability of securing one of the National speakers as long a time as $100 would last, to speak on suffrage in certain portions of the State, to create, if possible, a greater degree of interest among the Local Associations. Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe was agreed upon and arrangements made for her to be in Covington during the State Convention

It has been proven that the circulation of literature does a vast amount of good, and removes prejudices existing in the minds of men and women. By request of a friend in Florida; about one thousand pages of literature were sent to that State, fifteen hundred pages were sent to a gentleman in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, asking for literature on suffrage He was to have a debate on the subject "Should Women Vote." This gentleman was to take the affirmative

While in Frankfort, Miss Clay and myself distributed two hundred leaflets on School Suffrage. Ten members of the Local Association of Covington have subscribed for the Political Equality series, leaflet form

A Mr. Benham, of San Francisco, California, sent for a copy of our State minutes. The secretary enclosed leaflets.

The secretary recently sent for two hundred leaflets on Woman Suffrage in the United States.

The executive committee voted the secretary five dollars for postage, stationery. &c , the whole amount having been used for this purpose, no money remains in her hands.

The secretary has written one hundred and fifty-six letters.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Car. Sec'y.

## REPORT OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### FAYETTE COUNTY.

The meetings of the E. R A. are held at the homes of the members, at intervals of two weeks In addition to business, an appointed leader conducts a discussion of "Current Events," as part of the program. This has proved interesting and instructive.

A committee was appointed to act with a committee from the W. C T U., to petition the trustees of the State College to provide domitories for the women students as is now done for the men. The committee met the Board of Trustees, but as yet nothing has been done.

In March a committee was appointed to join with other Associations to form a Reception Committee for the ladies of the G. A. R., which met in Lexington. This was done, and courteous attention was shown to these visitors

At the meeting of April 20th, special prayer was made for our beloved Mrs. Martha R Stockwell, then critically ill. Her death occurred soon after; inflicting a severe loss upon our Association, of which she was one of the best loved and most useful members.

On May 4th, methods for nominating members for the School Board without going into primaries, were discussed. It was unanimously resolved, that our action should be strictly non-partisan Invitations were given to the Woman's Club and the W. C. T U., to appoint each a committee of three to act with a committee of three from the E R A., to plan for a non-partisan nomination, and our committee was instructed to advise a mass-meeting. The invitations were accepted, and the joint committee arranged for a mass-meeting, which was successfully held in the Opera House on June 17th. A nominating committee was elected, and instructed to nominate a non-partisan ticket of men and women Several meetings were also held at school houses to excite an interest in mothers in school elections.

Our E. R. A. pledged ten dollars to the fund for employing Mrs. DeVoe to make an organizing tour through the State.

Several Woman's journals and columns, and other Suffrage papers are taken by our members

### PADUCAH

Our Association is subject to called meetings. We have

held four since our last election of officers We have distributed some literature—"Woman's Columns," and about fifty copies of 'What Ky E. R. A Has Done." Many other Suffrage leaflets obtained from the W. T. P. A., have been given to friends of the cause, but not members

I circulated the National Suffrage Bulletin among the members, nine in number We are behind in State dues, but will remit at once

We hope to again circulate a petition for School Suffrage in third class cities We sent in a very full petition to our last Legislature. (Full petition reported in last year's minutes.—Sec'y ).

We are now arranging to have Mrs. DeVoe lecture for us. We can not send any delegates to the Convention, which I very much regret.

Earnestly hoping and striving for a better report next year, I remain your's sincerely,

(Mrs.) DOROTHY KOGER.

MADISON COUNTY.

We have a regular place of meeting. We have distributed a small amount of literature during the past months, and have added to our Association a number of new members. I think that we will soon be able to say that we are fifty in number. Mrs. DeVoe gave a lecture at our court house on Oct. 9th, which was largely attended, and, by the most intelligent of Richmond's citizens. She is a fine reasoner, giving a clear and forciable answer to all objections against Suffrage for women. Her lecture was highly appreciated, and several were added to our band. KATE ROSE WIGGINS, Sec'y.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Campbell County has during the present year held weekly meetings at Dr. Roebuck's office Even during the hot summer months, the meetings were well attended The Society has distributed over 1,200 pages of literature, and 200 leaflets of "What Equal Rights has done " We have read Walker's Political Economy, and other papers. We have had several social meetings at the homes of the members; in this way getting outside women interested in the Cause. We think these meetings did much good. We also gave two parties, by which we increased our finances by quite a nice sum. Before registration day we

sent out four ladies to canvass the town, to see if we could get our two candidates a full vote The ladies worked very hard, and canvassed the six wards in five days. We have at present twenty paid up members, and expect to get many more during the next year. HANNAH L. SPRING, Sec'y.

BOWLING GREEN.

I have given away Suffrage literature, and went to Nashville at Miss Clay's request, and read a paper. Mrs Mitchell has given to the world a baby boy, who will undoubtedly be trained up in the gospel of Equal Rights. I have enrolled my little eleven-year-old in our association. My youngest girl shows a strong tendency to grasp her own rights and everybody else's, and I am afraid she is going to develope into a remonstrant some of these days.

MRS L. C OBENCHAIN, Sec'y.

KENTON COUNTY.

The Kenton County Association meets twice a month at the residence of Mrs. Sallie B. Wolcott. Much interest has been manifested in the second year's course of study in Political Economy. A number of the members subscribed for the Political Equality leaflets. Our Association decided to invite the State Convention to our city in October. Also to make arrangements for Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe to be with us at that time.

About twenty-five hundred leaflets have been distributed. It was thought best not to have any women nominated for the School Board, but that an effort should be made to elect the best men, irrespective of party, for the Board of Education. Our annual election of officers was held the last week in September.

K. E. YOUNG, Sec'y.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| To bal Dec '96 | $ 83 70 |

ANNUAL DUES FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

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|---|---|
| Richmond | 12 00 |
| Lexington | 10 60 |
| Newport | 10 15 |
| Wilmore | 35 |
| Covington | 3 50 |
| Hickman | 4 20 |
| London | 3 50 |
| Columbus | 2 00 |
| Arlington | 3 45 |
| Paducah | 2 25 |
| Bowling Green | 4 00 |
| State Members | 2 00 |
| Leaflets sold by Miss Clay | 56 |
| | $ 142 26 |

BY DISBURSEMENTS 96-97.

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| Printing Minutes | $ 16 00 |
| Printing Programmes | 2 50 |
| Express charges | 25 |
| Corresponding Secretary | 5 00 |
| Error in crediting Owensboro | 50 |
| Auxiliary dues to National Association | 14 70 |
| Frankfort Committee—Mrs Farmer | 6 70 |
| Miss Clay, Committee expenses in Frankfort (loan) | 16 55 |
| Bal. | 80 06 |
| | $ 142 26 |

Expenses were $41.65. Miss Clay donated $25 00 towards same; Mrs. Farmer donated travelling expenses between Covington and Lexington; Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Cramer donated their travelling expenses.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

### Women as Trustees.

Mrs. Lucy L. Flower, a trustee of the University of Illinois, writing in the "Outlook" on "Women in Public Life," says: Nine-tenths of our public-school teachers are women; some of

the very best and most successful principals are women, and these women should certainly have a representative of their own sex among the school directors, some person or persons who can see and present the woman's point of view. Our State Universities are all co-educational, and the interests of the young women in these institutions require representatives on their governing boards."

A reduction has been made in the length of time to be given to public school work in Milwaukee, Wis. Hereafter five and one-half hours will constitute a day's work

The report of Dr. W T. Harris, National Commissioner of Education, gives the total enrollment of pupils in this country for the year as 16,415,197, about one-fourth of the entire population. Children in the public schools alone number 14,465,371. In those states where the color line is drawn in the public schools there are 178 schools for the secondary and higher education of the colored race, and they have an enrollment of over 40,000 students, an increase of over 3,000 during the year, while there is a marked increase in the attention given to industrial training

The recommendation of Chancellor Boggs that women be admitted to the University of Georgia, has received the indorsement of the board of trustees of that institution, who state, however, that they have no power to grant their permission unless the legislature of Georgia modify the present law so as to make women eligible This is a victory for woman. It indicates that public opinion has at last come to favor higher education for her, and that the people of the state of Georgia are ready to open the doors of the state university for woman's entrance.—Atlanta (Ga.) Chronicle.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union is about to establish a school of housekeeping in Boston The Union has leased two houses, and on the first of November the school will be in operation.

Miss Ludie Steele, of Barbourville, has been appointed a member of the Kentucky State Board of School Examiners. She is the first woman in the state to occupy such a place. Miss Steele is only twenty-two years old.—Oct 7, 1897

AMERICAN SCHOOLMA'AMS REBEL.

The Teachers' Club, of Denver, Col., is taking steps to place the executive control of the National Educational Association in the hands of women at the next annual meeting. A mani-

festo will be issued shortly to the teachers of the United States, setting forth that, "while ninety per cent of the teachers of the United States are women, who labor industriously to educate the young, the majority of this great teachers' association—the National Educational Association—has been and is almost exclusively in the hands of certain men who have had little or no actual experience in the work of training the minds of our future citizens."

Respectfully submitted.

ANNA B. MORGAN.

## REPORT OF KENTUCKY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

The last annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association was held in the city of DesMoines, Ia , on the 26th, 27th. 28th and 29th days of January, 1897.

Delegates from seventeen states were present, and dues from every state and territory in the Union were received.

The treasurer reported that six years ago only two thousand dollars were received by the Association, but that this year she had received nearly eleven thousand dollars.

SARAH CLAY BENNETT.

## REPORT OF FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

On April 29th, Mrs Josephine K. Henry spoke on Woman Suffrage to an immense audience in the court house at Lancaster, Ky On August 25th, at Versailles a combined Teachers Institute of several counties, was addressed by Mrs. Henry, Much enthusiasm was manifested

Miss Clay spoke in the Opera House in Lexington in June, to a mass meeting in the interest of a non-partisan Board of Education, to consist of men and women.

She spoke on "The Duty of Trustees," at the Madison County Institute in September Also on the same subject at the Teachers' Association which met in Kirksville.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y.

## REPORT OF EMMA SMITH DEVOE,

NATIONAL ORGANIZER, OF WORK DONE FOR KY. E R. ASSO'N.

### COLLECTIONS IN CASH.

| 1897. | | | |
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| October | 7. | Barbourville | $ 1.45 |
| " | 8. | London | 10.65 |
| " | 9. | Richmond | 2 00 |
| " | 11 | From Miss Clay (raised for the Ky. E. R. A ) | 40.00 |
| " | 13. | Wilmore | 3.45 |
| " | 14. | Covington | 7.60 |
| " | 15. | Covington | 6 40 |
| " | 15. | From Mrs. Flint (sale of cards) | .65 |
| " | 16. | Newport | 2.74 |
| " | 18. | Winchester | 2.15 |
| " | 19. | Cynthiana | 2.32 |
| " | 26. | Hickman | 4.15 |
| " | 27. | Clinton | 1.28 |
| " | 28 | Columbus | 4.85 |
| | | Carried over | $89.69 |
| | | Brought forward | $89.69 |
| " | 29. | Arlington | 1.86 |
| " | 30. | Fulton | 3.01 |
| " | 31. | Paducah (Sunday night—no collection) | |
| November | 3 | Owensboro | 4.05 |
| | | Total | $98 61 |
| Received on account of Cynthiana pledge | | | 1.00 |
| | | | $99.61 |

### PLEDGES RECEIVED.

| 1897. | | | |
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| October | 8. | Barbourville | $ 5.00 |
| " | 13. | Wilmore | 5.00 |
| " | 16. | Newport (Paid January 1898) | 5 00 |
| " | 20. | Cynthiana ($1 paid to Mrs DeVoe) | 5 00 |
| " | 26. | Hickman (Paid Feb. 2, 1898) | 5.00 |
| " | 27. | Columbus | 5.00 |
| " | 28. | Arlington (Paid Feb. 7, 1898) | 5 00 |
| Novem | 1 | Paducah | 5 00 |
| " | 3. | Owensboro | 5 00 |
| | | Total | $45 00 |

SETTLEMENT

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| Cash paid for expenses as per statement | $70.83 | |
| Salary one month, at $100 (less 2 days) | 93 33 | |
| | | $164.16 |
| Cash collections as per statement herewith | $99 61 | |
| Donation to Ky. E. R. Ass'n | 50.00 | |
| Balanc. due | 14 55 | |
| | | $164.16 |

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA SMITH DEVOE.

## ORGANIZATIONS FORMED

BARBOURVILLE, Oct. 7, 1897.—30 members.

*President*—MRS. M. A TINSLEY, - - Barbourville.
*Vice-President* MRS M S COSTELLO, - - Barbourville.
*Secretary*—MISS ADA FRANKLIN, - - Barbourville.
*Treasurer* - MRS J H TINSLEY, - - - Barbourville.
*Leader of Lessons*—PROF. J P FAULKNER, - Barbourville.

LONDON, Oct 8, 1897.—10 members.

*Psesident*—MRS SARAH H. SAWYER, - - London.
*Vice-President*—MRS. J C LEWIS - - - London.
*Treasurer*—MRS BETTIE M. FARIS, - - London.

WILMORE, Oct 13, 1897.—12 members

*President*—MISS ELLA M CARSON, - - Wilmore.
*Vice-President*—MRS. MARY HUGHES, - - - Wilmore.
*Secretary*—Prof. J. E FORD, - - - Wilmore.
*Treasurer*—MR JULIUS LABUERE, - - - Wilmore.

CYNTHIANA, Oct. 19, 1897.—12 members.

*President*—MRS. M. J MCNEESE, - - P. O , Berry, Ky.
*Vice-President*—MRS G. H GIVENS, - - Cynthiana.
*Secretary*—MRS R S JAMESON, - - - Cynthiana.
*Treasurer* - MRS B. T. RIGGS, - - - Cynthiana.

HICKMAN. (Reorganized )—15 members.
(Same old officers.)

COLUMBUS, Oct. 27, 1897.—10 members.

*President*—MR E. W. AVERY, - - - Columbus.
*Vice-President*—MRS. ANNA P. HUBBARD, - - Columbus.
*Secretary* - MISS HULDA D. WALKER, - - Columbus.
*Treasurer*—MISS KATE B EVANS, - - - Columbus.

ARLINGTON, Oct. 27, 1897.—6 members.

*President* - MRS. IDA STANLEY, - - - Arlington.
*Vice-President*—MRS M S HOOKER, - - Arlington
*Secretary*—MRS M B. MCCONNELL, - - - Arlington.
*Treasurer*—MR. C. R PYLE, - - - Arlington.

FULTON, Oct. 30, 1897.—6 members.

*President*—MR ED THOMAS, - - - - Fulton.
*Secretary*—MR W K HALL, - - - - - Fulton.
*Treasurer*—MISS BELLE BENNETT, - - - Fulton.

Respectfully submitted, EMMA SMITH DEVOE.

# IN MEMORIAM.

...1897...

## Mrs. M. Stockwell.

"She hath done what she could."

RESOLVED, That we tender to the family of our deceased friend, our sympathy, and this testimonial of the high esteem in which their loved one was held by her co-workers of the

KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

SUPPLEMENT

"If ye abide in my word, * * * ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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OF THE

# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION,

## December 1, 1898.

COURT HOUSE, RICHMOND, KY.

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31 E. 12th St., Covington.

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MISS ANNA MORGAN, Newport.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| To bal Dec '96 | $ 83 70 |

ANNUAL DUES FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Richmond | 12 00 |
| Lexington | 10 60 |
| Newport | 10 15 |
| Wilmore | 35 |
| Covington | 3 50 |
| Hickman | 4 20 |
| London | 3 50 |
| Columbus | 2 00 |
| Arlington | 3 45 |
| Paducah | 2 25 |
| Bowling Green | 4 00 |
| State Members | 2 00 |
| Leaflets sold by Miss Clay | 56 |
| | $ 142 26 |

BY DISBURSEMENTS 96-97.

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|---|---|
| Printing Minutes | $ 16 00 |
| Printing Programmes | 2 50 |
| Express charges | 25 |
| Corresponding Secretary | 5 00 |
| Error in crediting Owensboro | 50 |
| Auxiliary dues to National Association | 14 70 |
| Frankfort Committee—Mrs Farmer | 6 70 |
| Miss Clay, Committee expenses in Frankfort (loan) | 16 55 |
| Bal. | 80 06 |

Expenses were $41.65. Miss Clay donated $25 00 towards same; Mrs. Farmer donated travelling expenses between Covington and Lexington; Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Cramer donated their travelling expenses.

$ 142 26

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

### Women as Trustees.

Mrs. Lucy L. Flower, a trustee of the University of Illinois, writing in the "Outlook" on "Women in Public Life," says: Nine-tenths of our public-school teachers are women; some of

the very best and most successful principals are women, and these women should certainly have a representative of their own sex among the school directors, some person or persons who can see and present the woman's point of view. Our State Universities are all co-educational, and the interests of the young women in these institutions require representatives on their governing boards."

A reduction has been made in the length of time to be given to public school work in Milwaukee, Wis. Hereafter five and one-half hours will constitute a day's work

The report of Dr. W T. Harris, National Commissioner of Education, gives the total enrollment of pupils in this country for the year as 16,415,197, about one-fourth of the entire population. Children in the public schools alone number 14,465,371. In those states where the color line is drawn in the public schools there are 178 schools for the secondary and higher education of the colored race, and they have an enrollment of over 40,000 students, an increase of over 3,000 during the year, while there is a marked increase in the attention given to industrial training

The recommendation of Chancellor Boggs that women be admitted to the University of Georgia, has received the indorsement of the board of trustees of that institution, who state, however, that they have no power to grant their permission unless the legislature of Georgia modify the present law so as to make women eligible This is a victory for woman. It indicates that public opinion has at last come to favor higher education for her, and that the people of the state of Georgia are ready to open the doors of the state university for woman's entrance.—Atlanta (Ga.) Chronicle.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union is about to establish a school of housekeeping in Boston The Union has leased two houses, and on the first of November the school will be in operation.

Miss Ludie Steele, of Barbourville, has been appointed a member of the Kentucky State Board of School Examiners. She is the first woman in the state to occupy such a place. Miss Steele is only twenty-two years old.—Oct 7, 1897

AMERICAN SCHOOLMA'AMS REBEL.

The Teachers' Club, of Denver, Col., is taking steps to place the executive control of the National Educational Association in the hands of women at the next annual meeting. A mani-

festo will be issued shortly to the teachers of the United States, setting forth that, "while ninety per cent of the teachers of the United States are women, who labor industriously to educate the young, the majority of this great teachers' association—the National Educational Association—has been and is almost exclusively in the hands of certain men who have had little or no actual experience in the work of training the minds of our future citizens."

Respectfully submitted.

ANNA B. MORGAN.

## REPORT OF KENTUCKY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

The last annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association was held in the city of DesMoines, Ia , on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th days of January, 1897.

Delegates from seventeen states were present, and dues from every state and territory in the Union were received.

The treasurer reported that six years ago only two thousand dollars were received by the Association, but that this year she had received nearly eleven thousand dollars.

SARAH CLAY BENNETT.

## REPORT OF FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

On April 29th, Mrs Josephine K. Henry spoke on Woman Suffrage to an immense audience in the court house at Lancaster, Ky On August 25th, at Versailles a combined Teachers Institute of several counties, was addressed by Mrs. Henry, Much enthusiasm was manifested

Miss Clay spoke in the Opera House in Lexington in June, to a mass meeting in the interest of a non-partisan Board of Education, to consist of men and women.

She spoke on "The Duty of Trustees," at the Madison County Institute in September Also on the same subject at the Teachers' Association which met in Kirksville.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y.

## REPORT OF EMMA SMITH DEVOE,

NATIONAL ORGANIZER, OF WORK DONE FOR KY. E R. ASSO'N.

### COLLECTIONS IN CASH.

| 1897. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| October | 7. | Barbourville | $ 1.45 |
| " | 8. | London | 10.65 |
| " | 9. | Richmond | 2 00 |
| " | 11 | From Miss Clay (raised for the Ky. E. R. A ) | 40.00 |
| " | 13. | Wilmore | 3.45 |
| " | 14. | Covington | 7.60 |
| " | 15. | Covington | 6 40 |
| " | 15. | From Mrs. Flint (sale of cards) | .65 |
| " | 16. | Newport | 2.74 |
| " | 18. | Winchester | 2.15 |
| " | 19. | Cynthiana | 2.32 |
| " | 26. | Hickman | 4.15 |
| " | 27. | Clinton | 1.28 |
| " | 28 | Columbus | 4.85 |
| | | Carried over | $89.69 |
| | | Brought forward | $89.69 |
| " | 29. | Arlington | 1.86 |
| " | 30. | Fulton | 3.01 |
| " | 31. | Paducah (Sunday night—no collection) | |
| November | 3. | Owensboro | 4.05 |
| | | Total | $98 61 |
| Received on account of Cynthiana pledge | | | 1.00 |
| | | | $99.61 |

### PLEDGES RECEIVED.

| 1897. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| October | 8. | Barbourville | $ 5.00 |
| " | 13. | Wilmore | 5.00 |
| " | 16. | Newport (Paid January 1898) | 5 00 |
| " | 20. | Cynthiana ($1 paid to Mrs DeVoe) | 5 00 |
| " | 26. | Hickman (Paid Feb. 2, 1898) | 5.00 |
| " | 27. | Columbus | 5.00 |
| " | 28. | Arlington (Paid Feb. 7, 1898) | 5 00 |
| Novem | 1 | Paducah | 5 00 |
| " | 3. | Owensboro | 5 00 |
| | | Total | $45 00 |

SETTLEMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid for expenses as per statement | $70.83 | |
| Salary one month, at $100 (less 2 days) | 93 33 | |
| | | $164.16 |
| Cash collections as per statement herewith | $99 61 | |
| Donation to Ky. E. R. Ass'n | 50.00 | |
| Balance due | 14 55 | |
| | | $164.16 |

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA SMITH DEVOE.

## ORGANIZATIONS FORMED

BARBOURVILLE, Oct. 7, 1897.—30 members.

*President*—MRS. M. A TINSLEY, - - Barbourville.
*Vice-President* MRS M S COSTELLO, - - Barbourville.
*Secretary*—MISS ADA FRANKLIN, - - Barbourville.
*Treasurer* - MRS J H TINSLEY, - - - Barbourville.
*Leader of Lessons*—PROF. J P FAULKNER, - Barbourville.

LONDON, Oct 8, 1897.—10 members.

*Psesident*—MRS SARAH H. SAWYER, - - London.
*Vice-President*—MRS. J C LEWIS - - - London.
*Treasurer*—MRS BETTIE M. FARIS, - - London.

WILMORE, Oct 13, 1897.—12 members

*President*—MISS ELLA M CARSON, - - Wilmore.
*Vice-President*- MRS. MARY HUGHES, - - - Wilmore.
*Secretary*—Prof. J. E FORD, - - - Wilmore.
*Treasurer*—MR JULIUS LABUERE, - - - Wilmore.

CYNTHIANA, Oct. 19, 1897.—12 members.

*President*—MRS. M. J MCNEESE, - - P. O , Berry, Ky.
*Vice-President*—MRS G. H GIVENS, - - Cynthiana.
*Secretary*—MRS R S JAMESON, - - - Cynthiana.
*Treasurer* - MRS B T. RIGGS, - - - Cynthiana.

HICKMAN. (Reorganized)—15 members.
(Same old officers.)

COLUMBUS, Oct. 27, 1897.—10 members.

*President*—MR E. W. AVERY, - - - Columbus.
*Vice-President*—MRS. ANNA P. HUBBARD, - - Columbus
*Secretary* - MISS HULDA D. WALKER, - - Columbus.
*Treasurer*—MISS KATE B EVANS, - - - Columbus.

ARLINGTON, Oct. 27, 1897.—6 members.

*President* - MRS. IDA STANLEY, - - - Arlington.
*Vice-President*—MRS M S HOOKER, - - Arlington
*Secretary*—MRS M B. MCCONNELL, - - - Arlington.
*Treasurer*—MR. C. R PYLE, - - - Arlington.

FULTON, Oct. 30, 1897.—6 members.

*President*—MR ED THOMAS, - - - - Fulton.
*Secretary*—MR W K HALL, - - - - - Fulton.
*Treasurer*—MISS BELLE BENNETT, - - - Fulton.

Respectfully submitted, EMMA SMITH DEVOE.

# IN MEMORIAM.

...1897...

## Mrs. M. Stockwell.

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# Journal of Proceedings.

RICHMOND, KY., Dec. 1, 1898

Convention opened at 10 a. m. with devotional exercises conducted by the President Scripture lesson, fourth chapter of Gallatians On motion, the program was made the order of business for the convention.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials and Finance—MRS. MARY CLAY and MISS BELLE BENNETT; Publication—MRS. SAWYER and MISS LAURA CLAY, Resolutions—MRS WIGGINS and MRS C. W. CLAY; Auditing—MISS BELLE H. BENNETT. Minutes of the Executive Committee were read

The president read the pledges given to Mrs. Devoe; $12 of the same had been collected and sent to the National Organization Committee, which has been repaid, the $50 donated by the National for Mrs. DeVoe's work. Mrs. S C. Bennett mentioned, that she had, as a delegate, pledged to try to raise another $50 for the National Organization Committee.

Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Mary Clay.

On motion, it was referred to the auditing committee.

Report of the Plan of Work Committee. which met immediately before the opening of the convention, was read by the secretary and on motion considered by items; adopted (See report.)

By request the president explained the amount of school suffrage possessed by the women of the State

Mrs. S. C Bennett offered an addition to plan of work, which was adopted (See Art 7.)

On motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to all the ladies present.

First Vice-president Mrs Clay was called to the chair and Miss Clay offered the following resolution, which was discussed and adopted:

RESOLVED, That a small salary of not more than $60.00, be attached to the office of the corresponding secretary, and in addition her actual postal and stationery expenses be paid.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the sixty dollars appropriated to the office of corresponding secretary shall be pro-rated on the membership of the State Association, and that each shall be notified of the amount of its assessment, and such notification shall be repeat-

ed quarterly or monthly, until amount is raised and sent in to the State Treasurer. The following donations to this fund were made:

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| Mrs. Chenault | $ 2 00 |
| Mrs. Gibson | 2 00 |
| Miss Belle Bennett | 5 00 |
| Mrs James Bennett | 5 00 |

Mrs. Mary Clay (amount not given) To be returned if the salary is raised by pro-rata, except Miss Bennett's, Mrs Gibson's and Mrs Clay's donations, which will go to general treasury.

On motion the convention proceeded to the election of officers Committee on Credentials reported the convention entitled to 13 votes Tellers, Miss Bennett and Mrs Gibson For results see first page of Sup

Delegates to N. A W. S. A Convention were elected as follows: MRS S. C. BENNETT Members of Executive Committee, MRS. S M HUBBARD, MARY C ROARK, MRS. C D CHENAULT, MRS. SALLIE B. WOLCOTT Alterates—Mrs. Hubbard to choose her own alternate—Mrs. Mary Clay, Mrs. W F. Francis, Dr Louise Southgate.

Committee on Federal Suffrage, Mrs Sallie Clay Bennett, offered her report on Federal Suffrage, (see report) after which the convention adjourned.

## Afternoon Session, 2.00 O'clock.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Sup't. Bible study. Minutes read and approved

Mrs Ellen Gibson, Supt Bible study, made some remarks on her department work

Secretary read the report of Supt. Legislation Work, Mrs. J. K Henry It was accepted (See report )

Report of Mrs Caroline A Leech, Supt Educational Opportunities for women, was read and accepted (See report )

Report of National Enrollment Supt , Mrs S. M Hubbard, was read and accepted (See report.)

Report of Local Association was taken up and reports were read from the following associations: Madison Co , Fayette, Kenton Co , Louisville, Wilmore, Bowling Green, Hickman, Arlington. (See appendix.)

Auditor reported but two receipts or vouchers sent by treasurer, and recommended that the report be referred to Executive Committee It was referred.

Mrs. Mary B Clay, member of National Executive Committee, made her report (See report.)

Financial report of the Frankfort committee was read and adopted (See report )

Memorial resolutions were adopted (See Resolution 2, Com. on Resolutions

Following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

"RESOLVED, That in the removal of Mrs Eugenia B Farmer, from our state to Brooklyn, N. Y., our Association has sustained a serious and deeply-felt loss. For ten years,she has been the faithful and efficient Corresponding Secretary of the Association Her enthusiasm and energy were a continual inspiration to the Association, and to the individual workers, and her presence at the annual conventions and other public meetings were a constant reminder of her unswerving royalty and love for the cause she so ably represented. We miss her, and while trusting that her present lines may be cast in pleasant places, hope, that in the good providence of God, she may soon be returned to this state, and to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this convention, and another sent to Mrs Farmer

MRS MARY B CLAY.
MRS. S H. SAWYER

Motion that Mrs S. C. Bennett be special committee to press the Federal Suffrage Work was adopted

Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented, and, after amendments, adopted. (See report.)

The Vice-President was called to the chair, and the President delivered the annual address, in which she gave a review of the progress of the Equal Rights movement for the past year

The Executive Committee nominated Superintendent. (See list except Supt Legislative Work.)

On the nomination for this superintendency, there was a majority and a minority report The majority nominated Mrs. J. K Henry; the minority Mrs. Margaret A Watts, of Louisville,

Miss Laura Clay was nominated from the floor,but the President ruled the nomination out of order, and stated that her observation of legislative action on School Suffrage Bill convinced her that Louisville was the stragetic point.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay stated, that because a letter had been received from Mrs. Henry, stating that she believed that piecemeal suffrage was a grave mistake, and that, since school suffrage was to be the main legislative work, she telephoned Mrs. Henry to know, if under the circumstances, she was willing to accept the position, if elected, but that an answer had not been received.*

Mrs. Sawyer moved the adoption of the majority report.

Motion lost, and, on motion, the minority report was adopted, and Mrs Margaret A Watts elected.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the locals, and encourage them, and ask them to at least collect the dues, as far as possible, even if they do not hold any meeting.

On motion, the selection of the State Organizer was left to the Executive Committee

On motion, the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Convention adjourned

SARAH H SAWYER, Secretary.

MISS LAURA CLAY, President

* After adjournment, a delayed telephone message from Mrs. Henry st ted that she could not accept

# APPENDIX.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

LEXINGTON, KY , Dec 9, 1897.

The committee met at the residence of Miss Clay, with Mrs. Henry present. Miss Clay, Mrs Cramer, Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. M. B. Clay to be the Frankfort Committee. Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer will go to Frankfort on the 11th. Mrs Henry to speak on all the subjects to be presented to the Legistature, and Mrs. Farmer to speak on school suffrage

The Executive Committee to contribute funds to the liberal distribution of literature, including stamps, etc Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Farmer to secure the literature.

Moved and carried that the funds left from Mrs DeVoe's term be used for the legislative work in Frankfort.

Upon the suggestion of Mrs DeVoe in regard to the pictures of the Bryan Station Spring, the committee referred the matter to the Fayette E. R. A

Note about clubs for Woman's Journal to be mentioned in the circular letter to be drawn up by Miss Clay and Mrs Farmer,

E. B FARMER, Sec'y pro tem

LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 21, 1898

Committee met at the residence of the president. with the following members present: Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs Eugenia B. Farmer Meeting was called to consider repaying the fifty dollars ($50) donated to the State Association by Mrs DeVoe, through the N. A Organization Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Clay it was decided to make an effort to raise the $50 and send to N. A. to pay on debt incurred for work in other states Mrs. Cramer moved that the local associations which had made pledges to Mrs DeVoe be asked to give the money pledge to the payment of the $50 Carried.

Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer appointed to write to locals soliciting payment of pledges.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y Protem

RICHMOND, KY , Dec. 3, 1898

A meeting of the Executive and Plan of Work committees was held after the close of the convention, at Mrs. James Bennett's on the above date

The following appropriations were made:

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| Minutes for 1897 and 1898 (re-appropriated) | $ 18 00 |
| " " " " " | 10 00 |
| Miss Clay for traveling expenses (donated) | 2 25 |
| " " " programs | 1 25 |
| Corresponding Secretary | 5 00 |
| Supt Legislative Work | 5 00 |
| Recording Secretary | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Sawyer for traveling expenses | 3 28 |

The auditing of the treasurer's books having been referred to the Executive Committee, the president was instructed to write to the treasurer for vouchers and to audit the account in time for the minutes.

Moved and carried, that in case of a vacancy in the delegation to the N. A. W S Convention, those members present may fill said vacancy by electing any member of the Kentucky E R. A who may be present at the Convention.

Moved that the Plan of Work Committee suggest to the Supt of Legislative Work that the heading of the "School Suffrage Petition" be formulated upon the bill which has already been presented to the General Assembly, viz: "Women are hereby made eligible to hold the offices of school trustees and members of Board of Education in the counties and cities of this Commonwealth, and women having the qualifications prescribed by law for men in such elections shall be, and are, authorized and empowered to vote in all elections for such officers."

Committee arose. KATE ROSE WIGGINS, Sec'y

## REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

1 That we recommend that work for School Suffrage for all the women of the state be continued.

2. That we continue to press the claims of mothers for an equal co-guardianship with fathers of minor children.

3. That we continue the Free Lecture Bureau.

4. That the State Association provide programs and leaflets for the local associations for their monthly meetings, and send a circular letter quarterly to be read before the local association, and thus cement the union between the state and local work.

5 That the work for raising the age of protection be continued under the management of Mrs Sarah G. Humphreys.

6. That we petition the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment, relieving the women of the state from paying taxes until they are granted suffrage.

7. That we continue to petition Congress to submit a 16th Article to our National Constitution to the legislatures of the several states, which shall confer on men and women a right of exemption from discrimination in the exercise of the elective franchise on account of sex, by saying, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of sex."

And to protect women equally with men in the exercise of the right to vote for members of the Congress and electors of the President and Vice-President of the United States, in the several states of the Union, by a Federal law made in persuance of that clause of the 14th Amendment of our National Constitution, which says, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

## FRANKFORT COMMITTEE REPORT.

January 11, 1898.

The committee appointed by the State Convention, composed of Mrs. Henry, chairman; Laura Clay, Mrs Mary B Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs. Farmer. The last four named went to Frankfort January 11, to arrange for speaking in the House of Representatives, and were joined there by Mrs. Henry

January 13, the speakers for the evening were Miss Laura Clay, Mrs Josephine K. Henry and Mrs, Eugenia B. Farmer. Much enthusiasm was manifested The three blls spoken for were placed in the hands of men, able and willing to present them—"Co-Guardianship of Father and Mother of Their Minor Children," "To Make Mandatory Placing Women Physicians in the Women's Wards of the Insane Asylums," "School Suffrage for All the Women of the State "

A bill having been presented for the "Age of Protection for Girls," our committee received and presented petitions for the same, also for School Suffrage.

January 17, all the members of the General Assembly had to be interviewed, and literature pertaining to our bills was freely distributed.

January 18, the School Bill was placed with the committee on Education.

January 20, session adjourned

January 24, no bills reported from the committees. A great many members interviewed.

January 28, no bills reported, and the committee returned home to go to the National Convention.

Two hundred and fifty leaflets each of "Woman Suffrage in the United States," "Would Woman's Suffrage Undermine the Foundations of the Government," and as many of "What the Ky E. R A. has done," were distributed among the legislators and others. "School Suffrage Petitions," and "For Age and Protection," were sent from Greensburg, Mt. Sterling, Harlan, Paducah, Hickman, Madisonville, Glasgow, Arlington, Grayson, Owensboro.

The bill making mandatory the appointment of at least one woman physician in each of the insane asylums, was passed in the House by a vote of 77 to 4, after an effective speech by Representative W. C. G Hobbs, of Lexington. It was ably advocated in the Senate by Senator Charles J. Bronston, and passed by a vote of 26 to 1 It became a law by the signature of Gov. W. O. Bradley.

Mrs S. A Charles, committee from Ky. E R. A. on Houses of Reform, visited Frankfort, and interviewed legislators in the interest of a bill to grant the running expenses of the institutions. The bill was successfully carried through, and the early opening of the Houses of Reform made possible

EUGENIA B. FARMER,
Secretary Frankfort Committee.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

Miss Laura Clay, in account with Frankfort Committee of Ky. E. R A.

Jan. 1, 1898, Received from Mrs Emma Roebuck, Campbell Co. E. R. A. ..... $5.00

This money was pledged to Mrs. DeVoe, and Mrs Roebuck specified it was for Frankfort work.

Jan. 7, received from Mrs I. H. Shepard money voted for Frankfort Committee. ..... 6.00

Surplus of money raised to pay Mrs DeVoe, and afterwards voted to the Frankfort work ..... 46.45

Donated by Miss Clay ..... 1.94

Total Receipts ..... $59 39

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| Leaflets by Mrs Farmer | 1.50 | Paid by Miss Clay | $1.50 |
| Mrs. Farmer, to and from Lexington to Frankfort (1st trip). | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| Telegram to Mrs. Henry | .35 | " " | .35 |
| Printing and distributing dodgers. | 1.75 | " " | 1.75 |
| Janitor's fee for evening of January 13 | 1.00 | " " | 1.00 |
| Ticket of Mrs. M. C Cramer, from Lexington to Frankfort and back. | 1.72 | Donated, Mrs. Cramer. | |
| Ticket for Mary B. Clay, from Lexington to Frankfort and back | 1.72 | Donated, Mrs Clay. | |
| Ticket for Laura Clay, from Lexington to Frankfort and back | 1.72 | Paid by Miss Clay. | 1.72 |
| Ticket for Mrs. J. K. Henry, from Versailles to Frankfort, Board for all the committee to date, Jan. 20 | 28.50 | Donated, Mrs. Henry. Paid by Miss Clay | 28.50 |
| Jan. 17 to 20, Mrs Farmer's second ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| Miss Clay's second ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| Baggage for party | .40 | " " | .40 |
| Jan. 24 to 28, (third trip) Mrs Farmer's ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1 72 |
| Miss Clay's ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| " baggage | .10 | " " | .10 |
| Jan 27, Board to date for Mrs. Farmer and Miss Clay | 13.00 | " " | 13.00 |
| March 11 (fourth trip) by Miss Clay, ticket and dinner | 2.47 | " " | 2.47 |
| Expenses | $62.53 | Total expenditures | $59.39 |

Mrs. Farmer donated the expense of two trips back and forth from Covington and Lexington. Once she stayed over in Lexington between times.

# IN MEMORIAM.

..1898..

MRS. MARGARET W. PRESTON,
Lexington.

MRS. LUCY JENNINGS,
Richmond.

DR. JOHN FOSTER,
Richmond.

MRS ROBINSON THOMAS,
Covington.

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"They rest from their labors, and
Their works do follow them."

## REPORT OF MEMBER OF N. A. W. S. A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association and the Fiftieth Anniversary of of the first Woman's Rights convention, held in 1848, met in Washington Feb. 13-19. Thirty-eight states answered to the roll call, parts of which I quote:

"In 1848 the subjection of women was world wide, and of immemorial antiquity? It was rooted in the codes and customs of all nations—the thought of equality for women—their right to education, to a chance for self support, to the control of their own persons, children, earnings and property, had scarcely dawned upon even the most progressive minds."

In 1898, in the United States, as reported from these thirty-eight states, "a new world has been and is being enacted for women." For it is possible for them to do most of these things now, and the last stronghold of prejudice—the political field —has also been invaded, and four American states have bestowed the governing power upon the women people of these commonwealths—Colorado, Wyoming Idaho and Utah. Two hundred and ninety five cities and towns of Kansas exercise municipal suffrage; and President McKinley and the present Congress were elected in part by the ballots of women; and the concensus of opinion in this free republic is that the best women accept their responsibility and perform the duties of good citizens by voting for good officers.

In Colorado two women will serve in the coming legislature as Senator and Representative, on the Republican and Democratic sides. The suffrage amendment was defeated by a small majority in South Dakota.

In twenty two states women exercise school suffrage in some form. Europe has also made many concessions to the women of their countries.

Miss Anthony's seventy eighth birthday was also celebrated at this convention.

There were eleven southern states represented, and active work reported in Missouri, N Carolina, S. Carolina, Georgia, W. Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana; and it is evident from these reports that our southern sisters are coming rapidly to the front in demanding their full civil and political liberty.

Our state delegation was full, consisting of Miss Laura Clay, who gave a report on the Tennessee Exposition day, which was interesting, showing the consideration and courtesy shown our delegates there.

Mrs. Farmer gave our state report which was a creditable one to us We returned to the National the fifty dollars contributed in Mrs DeVoe's lectures. We also pledged ourselves to raise fifty dollars more for the National fund. We contributed in dues and private gifts ninety three dollars.

Mrs. S. C. Bennett's report of her work as chairman of Federal Suffrage Committee met with frequent applause, and Miss Anthony moved that it be received with thanks by the convention

The other delegates were Mrs. Elizabeth H. Catching, Mrs. Mary Cramer and Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Ex. Committee. I quote two of the resolutions:

2nd , That in every state we demand for women citizens equality with male citizens in the exercise of the elective franchise, upon such terms and conditions as the men impose upon themselves.

3rd, That we appeal to Congress to submit a sixteenth amendment to the U. S. Constitution, thereby enabling the citizens of each state to carry this question of woman suffrage before its Legislature for settlement.

The convention was a success in all respects, and adjourned to meet in Grand Rapids in April, 1899 Resp'y submitted.

MARY B. CLAY, Ex. Com.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE.

I sent an appeal to our Congressmen asking them to protect white and black women equally with black men against state denial of the right to vote for members of the Congress and electors of the President and Vice President of the United States by a law made in pursuance of that clause of the fourteenth amendment of our National Constitution, which says: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," in accordance with the combined Minor vs Happersett and Yarbaugh decisions of the Judges of lhe Supreme Court of the United States.

The appeal was presented to Congress as a petition by quite a large number of our congressmen, and Senator Hoar and Representative Henderson, chairmen of the Judiciary Committees of ths Senate and House of Representatives, have written me that the appeal shall be considered by the members of those committees.

SALLIE CLAY BENNETT, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

### NATIONAL ENROLLMENT AND PETITION WORK

Sent out nearly 200 petitions, with Circular Letter for "Age of Protection" and "School Suffrage" bills.

S. M. HUBBARD, Supt.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

A number,—six I think,—graduated from the Homeopathic Medical School here in the late winter. A new medical school just organized includes a woman, Dr. Florence Brandeis, among its professors; so that women will surely be admitted as students, and that will open the way for women in all the medical schools

CAROLINE APPERSON LEECH,
Supt., Louisville.

### LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The final success of the Woman's Physician's Bill in the last Legislature is herein recorded. The success of this bill making it mandatory to have women physicians in the female wards of the State Lunatic Asylums, is due in a great measure to their appointment by Gov. Wm. O Bradley. These appointments proved so satisfactory, that the Legislature made it a statutory law that all the State Lunatic Asylums must have at least one woman physician in the female wards of those state institutions.

The bills for School Suffrage, Co-Guardianship, and Constitutional Amendment, were all defeated.

JOSEPHINE K. HENRY, Supt.

### PRESS WORK.

Up to November, 1897, sent off eight articles every week to papers all over the state 102 papers on regular list,—and besides sent many articles to other papers The following papers. agreed to publish —some weekly, some monthly—articles:

All the Lexington and Richmond papers; Louisville Courier-Journal and Evening Post; Maysville Public Ledger; Crittenden Press; Winchester Democrat; Paducah News; Corinth Messenger; Mountain Echo, London; Harrodsburg Sayings: Interior Journal, Stanford; Kentuckian-Citizen, Paris; Mt Sterling Advocate; Monitor, Taylorsville; The Kentucky Bell (no longer published); through Mrs Obenchain, the Bowling Green papers publish two weekly articles.

From November, 1897, until August, 1898, was deterred from work by sickness. Beginning in August, up to the time of leav-

ing Kentucky, October 27, only kept up with my weekly instalments of literature. Owing to an absence of probably six months each year from the state, I regretfully tender my resignation as Superintendent I suggest that a fund be raised in the Association to supply my successor with postage for the work. Respectfully submitted

SARAH G. HUMPHREYS.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### MADISON COUNTY.

We have forty-five paid-up members, and anticipate an additional number. Mrs. S C Bennett, promised to raise $50.00 for National Work We have $25 00 of it in hand. Two suffrage papers are taken—Women's Journal.

MRS. S. C. BENNETT, Pres.

### KENTON COUNTY.

We meet regularly every alternate week. We have ten members We took up the subjects of Civil Government and Tariff, under our President, Mrs Farmer, and we greatly miss her, and deeply regret her removal to Brooklyn, N Y.

J. H. SHEPARD, Sec'y.

### ARLINGTON, KY.

Our membership, though small, are very much in earnest. We organized a year ago, and held our meetings regularly, through winter and spring. We submitted papers for publication, until our town editors flatly refused them, when we sent them to a neighboring paper. Our dues are promptly paid

MRS. IDA STANLY, Pres.
M B. MCCONNELL, Cor. Sec.

### BOWLING GREEN.

We have distributed literature as usual. I have written an article for our press department, and it was widely circulated, even appearing in papers totally opposed to Woman's Suffrage. I am writing an article every week for the Oklahama campaign. Think we can send $3.00 or $3.50 dues soon.

L. C. OBENCHAIN

### LOUISVILLE.

I send you $2 10. There being six members who have paid, Mr Bradberry, Mrs Hibbard, Mrs Bradberry, Mrs Watts, Mrs. Leech and Miss Leech.

MRS. W. H. BRADBERRY, Treas.

HICKMAN:

We organized in September, 1897, with three members. Mrs. DeVoe lectured for us in October, and three regular and five honorary members were added. Four others been added since, and have lost four. Have taken up course of study. Had two lectures from home talent, and a lecture from Mrs. Hoffman Distributed over 3,000 papers and leaflets Sent dues to treasurer

S. M. HUBBARD.

FAYETTE COUNTY

Hold our monthly meetings in Women's Club Parlors. One lady donated $1.00 a month for the year. Mrs Catherine Reid, though not a member, donated $10.00 to be used as Miss Clay preferred. Miss Clay used $2.00 for the Kentucky Bannerettes at the N. A. W. S A. Convention, and placed the remainder in the local treasury.

Mrs. Mary Cramer represented the Association on a Joint Committee composed of a member each from the Woman's Club and W. C. T. U., to see about getting out a good ticket for the school trustees. The committee did excellent work. Mrs Cramer had a brief account of the Association and the names of its officers placed in the corner-stone of the new court house.

We contributed about two hundred comfort bags, which the W. C. T. U. gave to the Kentucky soldiers. Many of our members were active in the Soldier's Aid Society.

IDA W. HARRISON, Sec'y.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Kentucky University, one of the foremost educational institutions of the state, and one of the first to recognize the right of women, and their demand for higher and broader education, by opening its doors to them, has recently established a medical department at Louisville, Ky., making no provision in its charter for the admittance to its classes of that large and increasing number of our women who are adopting medicine as a profession;

RESOLVED, That we earnestly protest against this retrograde movement, and respectfully petition the management of the University to correct the matter, and admit women to this department, on the same terms, and under the same conditions, as men;

RESOLVED, Furthermore, that this resolution be forwarded to Col. Henry L. Stone, the legal member of the faculty of the

medical department; and that he be requested by this Association to present our petition to the management, urging immediate consideration of the appeal herein made

II WHEREAS, We have lost by death four valuable members, since our last convention;

RESOLVED, That we deplore their loss, and extend to their bereaved families and friends our heartfelt sympathy, and as a a token of our appreciation inscribe their names on the Memorial page in this volume

III That we extend our thanks to the citizens and press of Richmond for the courtesy shown to this convention.

KATE R. WIGGINS, Chairman

## REPORT OF TREASURER, KY. E. R A.

——1897-1898——

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| To balance Dec. 1897 | $ 80.06 | By | |
| Annual dues from | | Programs | $ 3.00 |
| Local Ass'ns, | | Frankfort Committee | 6.00 |
| Arlington | $2.45 | Cor Sec'y | 6.00 |
| Covington | 1.05 | Rec. Sec'y | 1.00 |
| Hickman | 1.75 | | |
| Lexington | 8.75 | | |
| London | 1.75 | National Enrollment— | |
| Louisville | 2.10 | Mrs Hubbard | 10.00 |
| Newport | 5.25 | State Dues to National Association | 13.60 |
| Richmond | 14.00 | | |
| | 37.10 | | |
| Traveling expenses, Donated, | | Traveling Expenses— | |
| Mrs. M B. Clay, $6.75 | | Mrs M B Clay, $6.75 | |
| Miss Laura Clay, 6.75 | | Miss Laura Clay, 6 75 | |
| Mrs. Cramer, 4 80 | | Mrs. Cramer 4.80 | |
| | 18.30 | | 18.30 |
| Donation from London for Nat. Org. Fund, | 1.00 | Balance | 78.56 |
| | $136.46 | | $136.46 |

ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, Treas.
Ky. E. R. A.

January 17, 1899.—I have examined the expenditures and vouchers, and find the Treasurer's report correct.

LAURA CLAY, Auditor

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## GENERAL OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—MISS LAURA CLAY, 78 N Broadway, Lexington.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY B. CLAY, Richmond.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY CRAMER, Lexington.

3RD VICE-PRESIDENT—S. M. HUBBARD, Hickman.

CORRESPONDING SEC'Y—MRS. EUGENIA B. FARMER, Covington.

RECORDING SEC'Y—MRS. SARAH HARDIN SAWYER, London.

TREASURER—MRS. ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, 31 E. 12th St., Covington.

## Superintendents of Departments.

*Bible Study*: To set forth the true position :
MRS. ELLEN V. GIBSON, Richmond.
*Political Study*: MR. E. W. BAGBY, - - Paducah.
*Literature*: MRS. FANNIE HAYS, - - Owensboro.
*Press Work*: MRS. SARAH G. HUMPHREYS, - Versailles.
*National Enrollment and Petition Work*:
MRS. S. M. HUBBARD, Hickman.
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DR LOUISE SOUTHGATE, Newport.
*Work Among Young People*:
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, Richmond.
*Advancement of Woman's Work in the School*:
MISS ANNA MORGAN, Newport.
*State Organizer* : MRS. EUGENIA B. FARMER, - Covington.

## List of Officers of Local Associations.

### Fayette County Equal Rights Association.

*President*—MISS LAURA CLAY, - - - Lexington.
*Vice-President*—MRS. MARY CRAMER, - - Lexington.
*Corresponding Secretary* MRS. NINA HALSEY, - Lexington.
*Recording Secretary and Treasurer*,
MISS ZELINDA NEVILL, Lexington.

### Kenton County Equal Rights Association.

*President*—MRS. EUGENIA B. FARMER, - - Covington.
*Vice-President*—MRS. M. M TRIMBLE, - - - Covington.
*Recording Secretary*—MISS CATHRINE YOUNG, Covington.
*Treasurer*—MRS. ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, - - Covington.

Miss Clay read a paper contributed by Mrs. L C. Obenchain, of Bowling Green.

On motion corresponding secretary was directed to write Mrs. Obenchain a letter of thanks for the excellent papers she contributes to the conventions each year.

Executive committee made nominations for superintendents and all were unanimously elected. See "Superintendents of Departments," page 2

Committee on resolutions offered report; after amendments the report was adopted. (See report.)

The president read an invitation to her as president of Ky. E, R Association, from the corresponding secretary of the National W. C T. U , inviting her to attend the National Convention. On motion Miss Clay was requested to convey the greetings of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to that convention, either in person or by written communication.

Attention was called to Woman's Journal, Woman's Column, Woman's Tribune, and other Suffrage papers, and the delegates were urged to increase their circulation as much as possible.

Mrs. DeVoe sang a song composed by her husband: "Oh, Sing of Wyoming."

On motion the convention adjourned.

At the evening sessions the following programs were carried out to the delight of large and appreciative audiences:

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

PRAYER.

Quartette..... { Dr Will Sullivan, Mrs. Laura Sullivan
Mrs. Sydnor Hall, Mr. John A. Hanks

Address.....Laura Clay
Solo.....Mrs. John Mornan
Address.....Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

PRAYER.

Solo.....Robert Greenwood Jones
Accompanist.....Raymond Loder

Readings—Selections from the Book Compiled by Prominent Women Suffragists } Miss Helen Merci Schuster

Address.....Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe

SARAH HARDIN SAWYER, Secretary Protem

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# Appendix.

## Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings.

LEXINGTON, KY., January 12, 1897.

An Executive Committee meeting was held at the residence of Miss Laura Clay, to consider a proposition from Mrs Margaret A. Watts, of Louisville, to be sent as a fraternal delegate from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to the World and National W. C. T. U. convention to be held in Canada in May of this year. Carried.

Miss Belle Bennett was appointed as a superintendent of "Work Among Young People." Committee rose.

EUGENIA B FARMER, Secretary Pro-tem

LEXINGTON, KY , March 8, 1897.

The Executive Committee met at the residence of the President, Miss Clay, with the following members present: Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs. Farmer. Mrs. Josephine K. Henry. Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work, having been invited, was present It was decided to attend the extra session of the Legislature The school suffrage work was placed in the hands of Mrs. Farmer. The House of Reform was placed in the hands of Mrs Charles and the Frankfort Committee to assist her. On motion it was decided that $20.00 be used for Frankfort expenses.

Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs Cramer were appointed on the Frankfort committee, with Mrs Farmer as chairman, as the school sufirage work was the only question that could be presented, according to the proclamation of the Governor for an extra session of the Legislature. Mrs Henry was requested to give one evening for a speech before the Legislature. Committee rose.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y Pro-tem.

COVINGTON, KY., Oct. 14, 1897.

The Executive Committee met in the parlor of Trinity Church and the President reported that she, by a circular letter

to members of the Executive Committee, recommended and the committee called on the National Organization Committee for a National Organizer to do work in the state, on the terms of raising one hundred dollars ($100) to go as far as it would go. Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe, of Chicago, was employed, and has herself contributed liberally to the work in the State by donating two weeks of her time

MRS. SARAH H SAWYER, Sec'y Protem-

COVINGTON, KY , Oct 15, 1897,

After the adjournment of the Tenth Annual Convention the committee met in the parlor of Trinity Church and on motion the following appropriations were made:

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| For Minutes | $ 18 00 |
| For Corresponding Secretary | 6 00 |
| National Enrollment | 10 00 |
| Recording Secretary | 1 00 |
| Programmes | 3 00 |
| Traveling expenses for Mrs. Clay | 6 75 |
| Traveling expenses for Miss Clay | 6 75 |
| Traveling expenses for Mrs. Cramer | 4 80 |
| To Frankfort Committee | 6 00 |

On motion, it was decided that each Association be asked to contribute to the publication of minutes.

SARAH H. SAWYER, Sec'y.

## REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

We recommend the following plan of work:

1. That we press the claims of mothers for the co-guardianship with fathers of minor children.

2. That we continue to urge upon the General Assembly to make mandatory the appointment of assistant women physicians in the insane asylums

3. That the work for school suffrage for all the women of the State be continued.

4. That we continue the Free Lecture Bureau

5. That the State Association provide programs and leaflets for the local associations for their monthly meetings, and send a circular letter quarterly to be read before the local association, and thus cement the union between the State and local works.

6. That the Frankfort Committee, appointed by Executive

Committee, viz: Mrs. E B. Farmer, Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs. Cramer, be continued.

7. That the work for raising age of protection be continued under same committee.

8. That we ask the Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment relieving the women of the State from taxation until they have the right of suffrage.

## REPORT OF FRANKFORT COMMITTEE.

An extra session of the Kentucky Legislature was called by the Governor for March 13, which was Saturday; on Monday Miss Clay, with Mrs. Farmer, preceded the committee from our Association to Frankfort, calling upon the Governor to be certain that we had the power to ask the Legislature to grant school suffrage to all the women of Kentucky.

Armed with the power from the Chief Executive of the State, the following members of the committee, Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Marv B. Clay and Mrs Cramer, proceeded at once to the Senate to ask Senator Goebel to draw up and introduce our school suffrage bill.

On the 18th of March the Senator introduced the bill. It was ordered printed and on the 19th copies were placed on the desks of the Senators and Representatives; it was then placed n the hands of the Judiciary Committee in both houses.

Then begin the labors of the committee—but the Senatorial contest hindered us in our work--after much lobbying our bill was passed by the Senate on the second of April, but some of the Senators objected to the bill being so fixed that it could not be re-considered, and the time set for re-consideration was the fifth of April, on the seventh Senator Goebel waited for the three days allowed by the Senate rules in which a bill can be re-considered, then he put the bill through, and asked that the clerk of the Senate at once take the bill over to the House, which he did, and it was received with great applause

In the House of Representatives the bill was placed in the hands of the Judiciary Committee; on the 8th the bill was read and ordered printed. From this time on to the 11th of May the committee labored with the members of the House, urging them to be as generous as the Senate had been, but it was all in vain. We are very grateful to Senators Goebel, Bronston and the many friends in the House who so fearlessly defended our bill.

No one knows the many hours of labor necessary to secure

the passage of a bill through the Legislature. Our bill was defeated in the House by only five votes out of 100 members The committee has the names of the gentlemen who voted for and against us. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FARMER,
MISS CLAY,
MRS. MARY B. CLAY, } Committee.
MRS CRAMER.
MRS. HENRY.

## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

October 14th, 1897.

At the close of the National Suffrage Convention, January, 1897, our State President secured a favorable opinion from each member of the Executive Committee as to the advisability of securing one of the National speakers as long a time as $100 would last, to speak on suffrage in certain portions of the State, to create, if possible, a greater degree of interest among the Local Associations. Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe was agreed upon and arrangements made for her to be in Covington during the State Convention

It has been proven that the circulation of literature does a vast amount of good, and removes prejudices existing in the minds of men and women. By request of a friend in Florida; about one thousand pages of literature were sent to that State, fifteen hundred pages were sent to a gentleman in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, asking for literature on suffrage He was to have a debate on the subject "Should Women Vote." This gentleman was to take the affirmative

While in Frankfort, Miss Clay and myself distributed two hundred leaflets on School Suffrage. Ten members of the Local Association of Covington have subscribed for the Political Equality series, leaflet form

A Mr. Benham, of San Francisco, California, sent for a copy of our State minutes. The secretary enclosed leaflets.

The secretary recently sent for two hundred leaflets on Woman Suffrage in the United States.

The executive committee voted the secretary five dollars for postage, stationery. &c , the whole amount having been used for this purpose, no money remains in her hands.

The secretary has written one hundred and fifty-six letters.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Car. Sec'y.

## REPORT OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### FAYETTE COUNTY.

The meetings of the E. R A. are held at the homes of the members, at intervals of two weeks In addition to business, an appointed leader conducts a discussion of "Current Events," as part of the program. This has proved interesting and instructive.

A committee was appointed to act with a committee from the W C T U., to petition the trustees of the State College to provide domitories for the women students as is now done for the men. The committee met the Board of Trustees, but as yet nothing has been done.

In March a committee was appointed to join with other Associations to form a Reception Committee for the ladies of the G. A. R., which met in Lexington. This was done, and courteous attention was shown to these visitors

At the meeting of April 20th, special prayer was made for our beloved Mrs. Martha R Stockwell, then critically ill. Her death occurred soon after; inflicting a severe loss upon our Association, of which she was one of the best loved and most useful members.

On May 4th, methods for nominating members for the School Board without going into primaries, were discussed. It was unanimously resolved, that our action should be strictly non-partisan Invitations were given to the Woman's Club and the W. C. T U., to appoint each a committee of three to act with a committee of three from the E R A., to plan for a non-partisan nomination, and our committee was instructed to advise a mass-meeting. The invitations were accepted, and the joint committee arranged for a mass-meeting, which was successfully held in the Opera House on June 17th. A nominating committee was elected, and instructed to nominate a non-partisan ticket of men and women Several meetings were also held at school houses to excite an interest in mothers in school elections.

Our E. R. A pledged ten dollars to the fund for employing Mrs. DeVoe to make an organizing tour through the State.

Several Woman's journals and columns, and other Suffrage papers are taken by our members

### PADUCAH

Our Association is subject to called meetings. We have

held four since our last election of officers We have distributed some literature – "Woman's Columns," and about fifty copies of 'What Ky E R. A Has Done." Many other Suffrage leaflets obtained from the W. T. P. A., have been given to friends of the cause, but not members

I circulated the National Suffrage Bulletin among the members, nine in number We are behind in State dues, but will remit at once

We hope to again circulate a petition for School Suffrage in third class cities We sent in a very full petition to our last Legislature. (Full petition reported in last year's minutes.—Sec'y ).

We are now arranging to have Mrs. DeVoe lecture for us. We can not send any delegates to the Convention, which I very much regret.

Earnestly hoping and striving for a better report next year, I remain your's sincerely,

(Mrs.) DOROTHY KOGER.

MADISON COUNTY.

We have a regular place of meeting. We have distributed a small amount of literature during the past months, and have added to our Association a number of new members. I think that we will soon be able to say that we are fifty in number. Mrs. DeVoe gave a lecture at our court house on Oct. 9th, which was largely attended, and, by the most intelligent of Richmond's citizens. She is a fine reasoner, giving a clear and forciable answer to all objections against Suffrage for women. Her lecture was highly appreciated. and several were added to our band. KATE ROSE WIGGINS, Sec'y.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Campbell County has during the present year held weekly meetings at Dr. Roebuck's office Even during the hot summer months, the meetings were well attended The Society has distributed over 1,200 pages of literature, and 200 leaflets of "What Equal Rights has done " We have read Walker's Political Economy, and other papers. We have had several social meetings at the homes of the members; in this way getting outside women interested in the Cause. We think these meetings did much good. We also gave two parties, by which we increased our finances by quite a nice sum. Before registration day we

sent out four ladies to canvass the town, to see if we could get our two candidates a full vote The ladies worked very hard, and canvassed the six wards in five days. We have at present twenty paid up members, and expect to get many more during the next year. HANNAH L. SPRING, Sec'y.

BOWLING GREEN.

I have given away Suffrage literature, and went to Nashville at Miss Clay's request, and read a paper. Mrs Mitchell has given to the world a baby boy, who will undoubtedly be trained up in the gospel of Equal Rights. I have enrolled my little eleven-year-old in our association. My youngest girl shows a strong tendency to grasp her own rights and everybody else's, and I am afraid she is going to develope into a remonstrant some of these days.

MRS L. C OBENCHAIN, Sec'y.

KENTON COUNTY.

The Kenton County Association meets twice a month at the residence of Mrs. Sallie B. Wolcott. Much interest has been manifested in the second year's course of study in Political Economy. A number of the members subscribed for the Political Equality leaflets. Our Association decided to invite the State Convention to our city in October. Also to make arrangements for Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe to be with us at that time.

About twenty-five hundred leaflets have been distributed. It was thought best not to have any women nominated for the School Board, but that an effort should be made to elect the best men, irrespective of party, for the Board of Education. Our annual election of officers was held the last week in September.

K. E. YOUNG, Sec'y.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| To bal Dec '96 | $ 83 70 |

ANNUAL DUES FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Richmond | 12 00 |
| Lexington | 10 60 |
| Newport | 10 15 |
| Wilmore | 35 |
| Covington | 3 50 |
| Hickman | 4 20 |
| London | 3 50 |
| Columbus | 2 00 |
| Arlington | 3 45 |
| Paducah | 2 25 |
| Bowling Green | 4 00 |
| State Members | 2 00 |
| Leaflets sold by Miss Clay | 56 |
| | $ 142 26 |

BY DISBURSEMENTS 96–97.

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| Printing Minutes | $ 16 00 |
| Printing Programmes | 2 50 |
| Express charges | 25 |
| Corresponding Secretary | 5 00 |
| Error in crediting Owensboro | 50 |
| Auxiliary dues to National Association | 14 70 |
| Frankfort Committee—Mrs Farmer | 6 70 |
| Miss Clay, Committee expenses in Frankfort (loan) | 16 55 |
| Bal. | 80 06 |
| | $ 142 26 |

Expenses were $41.65. Miss Clay donated $25.00 towards same; Mrs. Farmer donated travelling expenses between Covington and Lexington; Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Cramer donated their travelling expenses.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

### Women as Trustees.

Mrs. Lucy L. Flower, a trustee of the University of Illinois, writing in the "Outlook" on "Women in Public Life," says: Nine-tenths of our public-school teachers are women; some of

the very best and most successful principals are women, and these women should certainly have a representative of their own sex among the school directors, some person or persons who can see and present the woman's point of view. Our State Universities are all co-educational, and the interests of the young women in these institutions require representatives on their governing boards."

A reduction has been made in the length of time to be given to public school work in Milwaukee, Wis. Hereafter five and one-half hours will constitute a day's work

The report of Dr. W T. Harris, National Commissioner of Education, gives the total enrollment of pupils in this country for the year as 16,415,197, about one-fourth of the entire population. Children in the public schools alone number 14,465,371. In those states where the color line is drawn in the public schools there are 178 schools for the secondary and higher education of the colored race, and they have an enrollment of over 40,000 students, an increase of over 3,000 during the year, while there is a marked increase in the attention given to industrial training

The recommendation of Chancellor Boggs that women be admitted to the University of Georgia, has received the indorsement of the board of trustees of that institution, who state, however, that they have no power to grant their permission unless the legislature of Georgia modify the present law so as to make women eligible This is a victory for woman. It indicates that public opinion has at last come to favor higher education for her, and that the people of the state of Georgia are ready to open the doors of the state university for woman's entrance.—Atlanta (Ga.) Chronicle.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union is about to establish a school of housekeeping in Boston The Union has leased two houses, and on the first of November the school will be in operation.

Miss Ludie Steele, of Barbourville, has been appointed a member of the Kentucky State Board of School Examiners. She is the first woman in the state to occupy such a place. Miss Steele is only twenty-two years old.—Oct 7, 1897

AMERICAN SCHOOLMA'AMS REBEL.

The Teachers' Club, of Denver, Col., is taking steps to place the executive control of the National Educational Association in the hands of women at the next annual meeting. A mani-

festo will be issued shortly to the teachers of the United States, setting forth that, "while ninety per cent of the teachers of the United States are women, who labor industriously to educate the young, the majority of this great teachers' association—the National Educational Association—has been and is almost exclusively in the hands of certain men who have had little or no actual experience in the work of training the minds of our future citizens."

Respectfully submitted.

ANNA B. MORGAN.

## REPORT OF KENTUCKY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

The last annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association was held in the city of DesMoines, Ia , on the 26th, 27th. 28th and 29th days of January, 1897.

Delegates from seventeen states were present, and dues from every state and territory in the Union were received.

The treasurer reported that six years ago only two thousand dollars were received by the Association, but that this year she had received nearly eleven thousand dollars.

SARAH CLAY BENNETT.

## REPORT OF FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

On April 29th, Mrs Josephine K. Henry spoke on Woman Suffrage to an immense audience in the court house at Lancaster, Ky On August 25th, at Versailles a combined Teachers Institute of several counties, was addressed by Mrs. Henry, Much enthusiasm was manifested

Miss Clay spoke in the Opera House in Lexington in June, to a mass meeting in the interest of a non-partisan Board of Education, to consist of men and women.

She spoke on "The Duty of Trustees," at the Madison County Institute in September Also on the same subject at the Teachers' Association which met in Kirksville.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y.

## REPORT OF EMMA SMITH DEVOE,

NATIONAL ORGANIZER, OF WORK DONE FOR KY. E. R. ASSO'N.

### COLLECTIONS IN CASH.

| 1897. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| October | 7. | Barbourville | $ 1.45 |
| " | 8. | London | 10.65 |
| " | 9. | Richmond | 2 00 |
| " | 11. | From Miss Clay (raised for the Ky. E. R. A.) | 40.00 |
| " | 13. | Wilmore | 3.45 |
| " | 14. | Covington | 7.60 |
| " | 15. | Covington | 6 40 |
| " | 15. | From Mrs. Flint (sale of cards) | .65 |
| " | 16. | Newport | 2.74 |
| " | 18. | Winchester | 2.15 |
| " | 19. | Cynthiana | 2.32 |
| " | 26. | Hickman | 4.15 |
| " | 27. | Clinton | 1.28 |
| " | 28 | Columbus | 4.85 |
| | | Carried over | $89.69 |
| | | Brought forward | $89.69 |
| " | 29. | Arlington | 1.86 |
| " | 30. | Fulton | 3.01 |
| " | 31. | Paducah (Sunday night—no collection) | |
| November | 3. | Owensboro | 4.05 |
| | | Total | $98 61 |
| | | Received on account of Cynthiana pledge | 1.00 |
| | | | $99.61 |

### PLEDGES RECEIVED.

| 1897. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| October | 8. | Barbourville | $ 5.00 |
| " | 13. | Wilmore | 5.00 |
| " | 16. | Newport (Paid January 1898) | 5.00 |
| " | 20. | Cynthiana ($1 paid to Mrs DeVoe) | 5 00 |
| " | 26. | Hickman (Paid Feb. 2, 1898) | 5.00 |
| " | 27. | Columbus | 5.00 |
| " | 28. | Arlington (Paid Feb. 7, 1898) | 5 00 |
| Novem | 1 | Paducah | 5 00 |
| " | 3. | Owensboro | 5 00 |
| | | Total | $45 00 |

SETTLEMENT

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| Cash paid for expenses as per statement | $70.83 | |
| Salary one month, at $100 (less 2 days) | 93 33 | |
| | | $164.16 |
| Cash collections as per statement herewith | $99 61 | |
| Donation to Ky. E. R. Ass'n | 50.00 | |
| Balanc. due | 14 55 | |
| | | $164.16 |

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA SMITH DEVOE.

## ORGANIZATIONS FORMED

BARBOURVILLE, Oct. 7, 1897.—30 members.

*President*—MRS. M. A TINSLEY, - - Barbourville.
*Vice-President* - MRS. M. S COSTELLO, - - Barbourville.
*Secretary*—MISS ADA FRANKLIN, - - Barbourville.
*Treasurer* - MRS J H TINSLEY, - - - Barbourville.
*Leader of Lessons*—PROF. J P FAULKNER, - Barbourville.

LONDON, Oct 8, 1897.—10 members.

*Psesident*—MRS SARAH H. SAWYER, - - London.
*Vice-President*—MRS. J C LEWIS. - - - London.
*Treasurer*—MRS BETTIE M. FARIS, - - London.

WILMORE, Oct 13, 1897.—12 members

*President*—MISS ELLA M CARSON, - - Wilmore.
*Vice-President*- MRS. MARY HUGHES, - - - Wilmore.
*Secretary*—Prof. J. E FORD, - - - Wilmore.
*Treasurer*—MR JULIUS LABUERE, - - - Wilmore.

CYNTHIANA, Oct. 19, 1897.—12 members.

*President*—MRS. M. J MCNEESE, - - P. O , Berry, Ky.
*Vice-President*—MRS G. H GIVENS, - - Cynthiana.
*Secretary*—MRS R S JAMESON, - - - Cynthiana.
*Treasurer* - MRS B. T. RIGGS, - - - Cynthiana.

HICKMAN. (Reorganized)—15 members.
(Same old officers.)

COLUMBUS, Oct. 27, 1897.—10 members.

*President*—MR E. W. AVERY, - - - Columbus.
*Vice-President*—MRS. ANNA P. HUBBARD, - - Columbus.
*Secretary* - MISS HULDA D. WALKER, - - Columbus.
*Treasurer*—MISS KATE B EVANS, - - - Columbus.

ARLINGTON, Oct. 27, 1897.—6 members.

*President* - MRS. IDA STANLEY, - - - Arlington.
*Vice-President*—MRS M S HOOKER, - - Arlington.
*Secretary*—MRS M B. MCCONNELL, - - - Arlington.
*Treasurer*—MR. C. R PYLE, - - - Arlington.

FULTON, Oct. 30, 1897.—6 members.

*President*—MR ED THOMAS, - - - - Fulton.
*Secretary*—MR W K HALL, - - - - Fulton.
*Treasurer*—MISS BELLE BENNETT, - - - Fulton.

Respectfully submitted, EMMA SMITH DEVOE.

# IN MEMORIAM.

...1897...

## Mrs. M. Stockwell.

"She hath done what she could."

RESOLVED, That we tender to the family of our deceased friend, our sympathy, and this testimonial of the high esteem in which their loved one was held by her co-workers of the

KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

SUPPLEMENT

"If ye abide in my word, * * * ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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OF THE

# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION,

## December 1, 1898.

COURT HOUSE, RICHMOND, KY.

MOUNTAIN ECHO
STEAM JOB ROOMS,
LONDON KY.

## GENERAL OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—MISS LAURA CLAY,
78 N Broadway, Lexington.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY B. CLAY,
Richmond.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY CRAMER,
Mrs. D. W. Chenault Lexington.

3RD VICE-PRESIDENT—~~S. M. HUBBARD~~, Richmond.
~~Hickman.~~

CORRESP'DING SEC'Y—MRS. MARY C. ROARK,
Lexington.

RECORDING SEC'Y—MRS. KATE ROSE WIGGINS,
Richmond

TREASURER—MRS. ISABELLA H. SHEPARD,
31 E. 12th St., Covington.

## Superintendents of Departments.

*Bible Study*: To set forth the true position :
MRS. ELLEN V. GIBSON, Richmond.

*Political Study*: MR. E. W. BAGBY, - - Paducah.

*Literature*: MRS. FANNIE HAYS, - - Owensboro.

*Press Work*: MRS. SARAH G. HUMPHREYS, - Versailles.

*National Enrollment and Petition Work*:
MRS S M. HUBBARD. Hickman.

*Legislative Work*: MRS. MARGARET A WATTS, Louisville.

*Educational Opportunities for Women*:
MRS. CAROLINE A LEECH, 1735 First St , Louisville.

*Industrial Training for Women* :
MRS L C OBENCHAIN, Bowling Green

*Hygiene and Physical Culture* :
DR LOUISE SOUTHGATE, Newport.

*Work Among Young People* :

*Advancement of Woman's Work in the School* :
MISS ANNA MORGAN, Newport.

# Journal of Proceedings.

RICHMOND, KY., Dec. 1, 1898

Convention opened at 10 a. m. with devotional exercises conducted by the President. Scripture lesson, fourth chapter of Gallatians. On motion, the program was made the order of business for the convention.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials and Finance—MRS. MARY CLAY and MISS BELLE BENNETT; Publication—MRS. SAWYER and MISS LAURA CLAY, Resolutions—MRS WIGGINS and MRS C. W. CLAY; Auditing—MISS BELLE H. BENNETT. Minutes of the Executive Committee were read

The president read the pledges given to Mrs. Devoe; $12 of the same had been collected and sent to the National Organization Committee, which has been repaid, the $50 donated by the National for Mrs. DeVoe's work. Mrs. S C. Bennett mentioned, that she had, as a delegate, pledged to try to raise another $50 for the National Organization Committee.

Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Mary Clay.

On motion, it was referred to the auditing committee.

Report of the Plan of Work Committee. which met immediately before the opening of the convention, was read by the secretary and on motion considered by items; adopted (See report.)

By request the president explained the amount of school suffrage possessed by the women of the State

Mrs. S. C Bennett offered an addition to plan of work, which was adopted (See Art 7.)

On motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to all the ladies present.

First Vice-president Mrs Clay was called to the chair and Miss Clay offered the following resolution, which was discussed and adopted:

RESOLVED, That a small salary of not more than $60.00, be attached to the office of the corresponding secretary, and in addition her actual postal and stationery expenses be paid.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the sixty dollars appropriated to the office of corresponding secretary shall be pro-rated on the membership of the State Association, and that each shall be notified of the amount of its assessment, and such notification shall be repeat-

ed quarterly or monthly, until amount is raised and sent in to the State Treasurer. The following donations to this fund were made:

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| Mrs. Chenault | $ 2 00 |
| Mrs. Gibson | 2 00 |
| Miss Belle Bennett | 5 00 |
| Mrs James Bennett | 5 00 |

Mrs. Mary Clay (amount not given) To be returned if the salary is raised by pro-rata, except Miss Bennett's, Mrs Gibson's and Mrs Clay's donations, which will go to general treasury.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of officers Committee on Credentials reported the convention entitled to 13 votes Tellers, Miss Bennett and Mrs Gibson For results see first page of Sup.

Delegates to N. A W. S. A Convention were elected as follows: MRS S. C. BENNETT Members of Executive Committee, MRS. S M HUBBARD, MARY C ROARK, MRS. C D CHENAULT, MRS. SALLIE B. WOLCOTT Alterates—Mrs. Hubbard to choose her own alternate—Mrs. Mary Clay, Mrs. W. F. Francis, Dr Louise Southgate.

Committee on Federal Suffrage, Mrs Sallie Clay Bennett, offered her report on Federal Suffrage, (see report) after which the convention adjourned.

## Afternoon Session, 2.00 O'clock.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Sup't. Bible study. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs Ellen Gibson, Supt Bible study, made some remarks on her department work

Secretary read the report of Supt. Legislation Work, Mrs. J. K Henry It was accepted (See report )

Report of Mrs Caroline A Leech, Supt Educational Opportunities for women, was read and accepted (See report )

Report of National Enrollment Supt , Mrs S. M Hubbard, was read and accepted (See report.)

Report of Local Association was taken up and reports were read from the following associations: Madison Co , Fayette, Kenton Co , Louisville, Wilmore, Bowling Green, Hickman, Arlington (See appendix.)

Auditor reported but two receipts or vouchers sent by treasurer, and recommended that the report be referred to Executive Committee It was referred.

Mrs. Mary B Clay, member of National Executive Committee, made her report (See report.)

Financial report of the Frankfort committee was read and adopted (See report )

Memorial resolutions were adopted (See Resolution 2, Com. on Resolutions

Following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

"RESOLVED, That in the removal of Mrs Eugenia B Farmer, from our state to Brooklyn, N. Y., our Association has sustained a serious and deeply-felt loss. For ten years,she has been the faithful and efficient Corresponding Secretary of the Association. Her enthusiasm and energy were a continual inspiration to the Association, and to the individual workers, and her presence at the annual conventions and other public meetings were a constant reminder of her unswerving royalty and love for the cause she so ably represented. We miss her, and while trusting that her present lines may be cast in pleasant places, hope, that in the good providence of God, she may soon be returned to this state, and to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this convention, and another sent to Mrs Farmer

MRS MARY B CLAY.
MRS. S H. SAWYER

Motion that Mrs. S. C. Bennett be special committee to press the Federal Suffrage Work was adopted

Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented, and, after amendments, adopted. (See report.)

The Vice-President was called to the chair, and the President delivered the annual address, in which she gave a review of the progress of the Equal Rights movement for the past year

The Executive Committee nominated Superintendent. (See list except Supt. Legislative Work.)

On the nomination for this superintendency, there was a majority and a minority report The majority nominated Mrs. J. K Henry; the minority Mrs. Margaret A Watts, of Louisville,

Miss Laura Clay was nominated from the floor,but the President ruled the nomination out of order, and stated that her observation of legislative action on School Suffrage Bill convinced her that Louisville was the stragetic point.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay stated, that because a letter had been received from Mrs. Henry, stating that she believed that piecemeal suffrage was a grave mistake, and that, since school suffrage was to be the main legislative work, she telephoned Mrs. Henry to know, if under the circumstances, she was willing to accept the position, if elected, but that an answer had not been received.*

Mrs. Sawyer moved the adoption of the majority report.

Motion lost, and, on motion, the minority report was adopted, and Mrs. Margaret A Watts elected.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the locals, and encourage them, and ask them to at least collect the dues, as far as possible, even if they do not hold any meeting.

On motion, the selection of the State Organizer was left to the Executive Committee

On motion, the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Convention adjourned

SARAH H SAWYER, Secretary.

MISS LAURA CLAY, President.

* After adjournment, a delayed telephone message from Mrs. Henry stated that she could not accept

# APPENDIX.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

LEXINGTON, KY , Dec. 9, 1897.

The committee met at the residence of Miss Clay, with Mrs. Henry present. Miss Clay, Mrs Cramer, Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. M. B. Clay to be the Frankfort Committee. Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer will go to Frankfort on the 11th. Mrs Henry to speak on all the subjects to be presented to the Legistature, and Mrs. Farmer to speak on school suffrage

The Executive Committee to contribute funds to the liberal distribution of literature, including stamps, etc Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Farmer to secure the literature.

Moved and carried that the funds left from Mrs DeVoe's term be used for the legislative work in Frankfort.

Upon the suggestion of Mrs DeVoe in regard to the pictures of the Bryan Station Spring, the committee referred the matter to the Fayette E. R. A

Note about clubs for Woman's Journal to be mentioned in the circular letter to be drawn up by Miss Clay and Mrs Farmer,

E. B FARMER, Sec'y pro tem

LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 21, 1898

Committee met at the residence of the president, with the following members present: Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs Eugenia B. Farmer Meeting was called to consider repaying the fifty dollars ($50) donated to the State Association by Mrs DeVoe, through the N. A Organization Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Clay it was decided to make an effort to raise the $50 and send to N. A. to pay on debt incurred for work in other states · Mrs. Cramer moved that the local associations which had made pledges to Mrs. DeVoe be asked to give the money pledge to the payment of the $50 Carried.

Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer appointed to write to locals soliciting payment of pledges.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y Protem.

RICHMOND, KY , Dec. 3, 1898

A meeting of the Executive and Plan of Work committees was held after the close of the convention, at Mrs. James Bennett's on the above date

The following appropriations were made:

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| Minutes for 1897 and 1898 (re-appropriated) | $ 18 00 |
| " " " " " | 10 00 |
| Miss Clay for traveling expenses (donated) | 2 25 |
| " " " programs | 1 25 |
| Corresponding Secretary | 5 00 |
| Supt Legislative Work | 5 00 |
| Recording Secretary | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Sawyer for traveling expenses | 3 28 |

The auditing of the treasurer's books having been referred to the Executive Committee, the president was instructed to write to the treasurer for vouchers and to audit the account in time for the minutes.

Moved and carried, that in case of a vacancy in the delegation to the N. A. W S. Convention, those members present may fill said vacancy by electing any member of the Kentucky E R. A who may be present at the Convention.

Moved that the Plan of Work Committee suggest to the Supt of Legislative Work that the heading of the "School Suffrage Petition" be formulated upon the bill which has already been presented to the General Assembly, viz: "Women are hereby made eligible to hold the offices of school trustees and members of Board of Education in the counties and cities of this Commonwealth, and women having the qualifications prescribed by law for men in such elections shall be, and are, authorized and empowered to vote in all elections for such officers."

Committee arose. KATE ROSE WIGGINS, Sec'y

## REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

1 That we recommend that work for School Suffrage for all the women of the state be continued.

2. That we continue to press the claims of mothers for an equal co-guardianship with fathers of minor children.

3. That we continue the Free Lecture Bureau.

4. That the State Association provide programs and leaflets for the local associations for their monthly meetings, and send a circular letter quarterly to be read before the local association, and thus cement the union between the state and local work.

5 That the work for raising the age of protection be continued under the management of Mrs Sarah G. Humphreys.

6. That we petition the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment, relieving the women of the state from paying taxes until they are granted suffrage.

7. That we continue to petition Congress to submit a 16th Article to our National Constitution to the legislatures of the several states, which shall confer on men and women a right of exemption from discrimination in the exercise of the elective franchise on account of sex, by saying, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of sex."

And to protect women equally with men in the exercise of the right to vote for members of the Congress and electors of the President and Vice-President of the United States, in the several states of the Union, by a Federal law made in persuance of that clause of the 14th Amendment of our National Constitution,which says, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

## FRANKFORT COMMITTEE REPORT.

January 11, 1898.

The committee appointed by the State Convention, composed of Mrs. Henry, chairman; Laura Clay, Mrs Mary B Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs. Farmer. The last four named went to Frankfort January 11, to arrange for speaking in the House of Representatives, and were joined there by Mrs. Henry

January 13, the speakers for the evening were Miss Laura Clay, Mrs Josephine K. Henry and Mrs, Eugenia B. Farmer. Much enthusiasm was manifested The three blls spoken for were placed in the hands of men, able and willing to present them—"Co-Guardianship of Father and Mother of Their Minor Children," "To Make Mandatory Placing Women Physicians in the Women's Wards of the Insane Asylums," "School Suffrage for All the Women of the State "

A bill having been presented for the "Age of Protection for Girls," our committee received and presented petitions for the same, also for School Suffrage.

January 17, all the members of the General Assembly had to be interviewed, and literature pertaining to our bills was freely distributed.

January 18, the School Bill was placed with the committee on Education.

January 20, session adjourned

January 24, no bills reported from the committees. A great many members interviewed.

January 28, no bills reported, and the committee returned home to go to the National Convention.

Two hundred and fifty leaflets each of "Woman Suffrage in the United States," "Would Woman's Suffrage Undermine the Foundations of the Government," and as many of "What the Ky E. R A. has done," were distributed among the legislators and others. "School Suffrage Petitions," and "For Age and Protection," were sent from Greensburg, Mt Sterling, Harlan, Paducah, Hickman, Madisonville, Glasgow, Arlington, Grayson, Owensboro.

The bill making mandatory the appointment of at least one woman physician in each of the insane asylums, was passed in the House by a vote of 77 to 4, after an effective speech by Representative W. C. G Hobbs, of Lexington. It was ably advocated in the Senate by Senator Charles J. Bronston, and passed by a vote of 26 to 1 It became a law by the signature of Gov. W. O. Bradley.

Mrs S. A Charles, committee from Ky. E R A. on Houses of Reform, visited Frankfort, and interviewed legislators in the interest of a bill to grant the running expenses of the institutions. The bill was successfully carried through, and the early opening of the Houses of Reform made possible

EUGENIA B. FARMER,
Secretary Frankfort Committee.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

Miss Laura Clay, in account with Frankfort Committee of Ky. E. R A.

Jan. 1, 1898, Received from Mrs Emma Roebuck, Campbell Co. E. R. A. ..... $5.00
This money was pledged to Mrs. DeVoe, and Mrs Roebuck specified it was for Frankfort work.

Jan. 7, received from Mrs. I. H. Shepard money voted for Frankfort Committee ..... 6.00

Surplus of money raised to pay Mrs DeVoe, and afterwards voted to the Frankfort work ..... 46.45

Donated by Miss Clay ..... 1.94

Total Receipts ..... $59 39

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| Leaflets by Mrs Farmer | 1.50 | Paid by Miss Clay | $1.50 |
| Mrs. Farmer, to and from Lexington to Frankfort (1st trip). | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| Telegram to Mrs. Henry | .35 | " " | .35 |
| Printing and distributing dodgers. | 1.75 | " " | 1.75 |
| Janitor's fee for evening of January 13 | 1.00 | " " | 1.00 |
| Ticket of Mrs. M. C Cramer, from Lexington to Frankfort and back. | 1.72 | Donated, Mrs. Cramer. | |
| Ticket for Mary B. Clay, from Lexington to Frankfort and back | 1.72 | Donated, Mrs Clay. | |
| Ticket for Laura Clay, from Lexington to Frankfort and back | 1.72 | Paid by Miss Clay. | 1.72 |
| Ticket for Mrs. J. K. Henry, from Versailles to Frankfort, | | Donated, Mrs. Henry. | |
| Board for all the committee to date, Jan. 20 | 28.50 | Paid by Miss Clay. | 28.50 |
| Jan 17 to 20, Mrs Farmer's second ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| Miss Clay's second ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| Baggage for party | .40 | " " | .40 |
| Jan 24 to 28, (third trip) Mrs Farmer's ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1 72 |
| Miss Clay's ticket | 1.72 | " " | 1.72 |
| " baggage | .10 | " " | .10 |
| Jan 27, Board to date for Mrs. Farmer and Miss Clay | 13.00 | " " | 13.00 |
| March 11 (fourth trip) by Miss Clay, ticket and dinner | 2.47 | " " | 2.47 |
| Expenses | $62.53 | Total expenditures | $59.39 |

Mrs. Farmer donated the expense of two trips back and forth from Covington and Lexington. Once she stayed over in Lexington between times.

# IN MEMORIAM.

..1898..

MRS. MARGARET W. PRESTON,
Lexington.

MRS. LUCY JENNINGS,
Richmond.

DR. JOHN FOSTER,
Richmond.

MRS ROBINSON THOMAS,
Covington.

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"They rest from their labors, and
Their works do follow them."

## REPORT OF MEMBER OF N. A. W. S. A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association and the Fiftieth Anniversary of of the first Woman's Rights convention, held in 1848, met in Washington Feb. 13-19. Thirty-eight states answered to the roll call, parts of which I quote:

"In 1848 the subjection of women was world wide, and of immemorial antiquity? It was rooted in the codes and customs of all nations—the thought of equality for women—their right to education, to a chance for self support, to the control of their own persons, children, earnings and property, had scarcely dawned upon even the most progressive minds."

In 1898, in the United States, as reported from these thirty-eight states, "a new world has been and is being enacted for women." For it is possible for them to do most of these things now, and the last stronghold of prejudice—the political field—has also been invaded, and four American states have bestowed the governing power upon the women people of these commonwealths—Colorado, Wyoming Idaho and Utah. Two hundred and ninety five cities and towns of Kansas exercise municipal suffrage; and President McKinley and the present Congress were elected in part by the ballots of women; and the concensus of opinion in this free republic is that the best women accept their responsibility and perform the duties of good citizens by voting for good officers.

In Colorado two women will serve in the coming legislature as Senator and Representative, on the Republican and Democratic sides. The suffrage amendment was defeated by a small majority in South Dakota.

In twenty two states women exercise school suffrage in some form. Europe has also made many concessions to the women of their countries.

Miss Anthony's seventy eighth birthday was also celebrated at this convention.

There were eleven southern states represented, and active work reported in Missouri, N Carolina, S. Carolina, Georgia, W. Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana; and it is evident from these reports that our southern sisters are coming rapidly to the front in demanding their full civil and political liberty.

Our state delegation was full, consisting of Miss Laura Clay, who gave a report on the Tennessee Exposition day, which was interesting, showing the consideration and courtesy shown our delegates there.

Mrs. Farmer gave our state report which was a creditable one to us We returned to the National the fifty dollars contributed in Mrs DeVoe's lectures. We also pledged ourselves to raise fifty dollars more for the National fund. We contributed in dues and private gifts ninety three dollars.

Mrs. S. C. Bennett's report of her work as chairman of Federal Suffrage Committee met with frequent applause, and Miss Anthony moved that it be received with thanks by the convention

The other delegates were Mrs. Elizabeth H. Catching, Mrs. Mary Cramer and Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Ex. Committee. I quote two of the resolutions:

2nd , That in every state we demand for women citizens equality with male citizens in the exercise of the elective franchise, upon such terms and conditions as the men impose upon themselves.

3rd, That we appeal to Congress to submit a sixteenth amendment to the U. S. Constitution, thereby enabling the citizens of each state to carry this question of woman suffrage before its Legislature for settlement.

The convention was a success in all respects, and adjourned to meet in Grand Rapids in April, 1899 Resp'y submitted.

MARY B. CLAY, Ex. Com.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE.

I sent an appeal to our Congressmen asking them to protect white and black women equally with black men against state denial of the right to vote for members of the Congress and electors of the President and Vice President of the United States by a law made in pursuance of that clause of the fourteenth amendment of our National Constitution, which says: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," in accordance with the combined Minor vs Happersett and Yarbaugh decisions of the Judges of lhe Supreme Court of the United States.

The appeal was presented to Congress as a petition by quite a large number of our congressmen, and Senator Hoar and Representative Henderson, chairmen of the Judiciary Committees of ths Senate and House of Representatives, have written me that the appeal shall be considered by the members of those committees.

SALLIE CLAY BENNETT, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

### NATIONAL ENROLLMENT AND PETITION WORK

Sent out nearly 200 petitions, with Circular Letter for "Age of Protection" and "School Suffrage" bills.

S. M. HUBBARD, Supt.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

A number,—six I think,—graduated from the Homeopathic Medical School here in the late winter. A new medical school just organized includes a woman, Dr. Florence Brandeis, among its professors: so that women will surely be admitted as students, and that will open the way for women in all the medical schools

CAROLINE APPERSON LEECH,
Supt., Louisville.

### LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The final success of the Woman's Physician's Bill in the last Legislature is herein recorded. The success of this bill making it mandatory to have women physicians in the female wards of the State Lunatic Asylums, is due in a great measure to their appointment by Gov. Wm. O Bradley These appointments proved so satisfactory, that the Legislature made it a statutory law that all the State Lunatic Asylums must have at least one woman physician in the female wards of those state institutions.

The bills for School Suffrage, Co-Guardianship, and Constitutional Amendment, were all defeated.

JOSEPHINE K. HENRY, Supt.

### PRESS WORK.

Up to November, 1897, sent off eight articles every week to papers all over the state 102 papers on regular list,—and besides sent many articles to other papers The following papers. agreed to publish —some weekly, some monthly—articles:

All the Lexington and Richmond papers; Louisville Courier-Journal and Evening Post; Maysville Public Ledger; Crittenden Press; Winchester Democrat; Paducah News; Corinth Messenger; Mountain Echo, London; Harrodsburg Sayings: Interior Journal, Stanford; Kentuckian-Citizen, Paris; Mt Sterling Advocate; Monitor, Taylorsville; The Kentucky Bell (no longer published); through Mrs Obenchain, the Bowling Green papers publish two weekly articles.

From November, 1897, until August, 1898, was deterred from work by sickness. Beginning in August, up to the time of leav-

ing Kentucky, October 27, only kept up with my weekly instalments of literature. Owing to an absence of probably six months each year from the state, I regretfully tender my resignation as Superintendent I suggest that a fund be raised in the Association to supply my successor with postage for the work. Respectfully submitted

SARAH G. HUMPHREYS.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### MADISON COUNTY.

We have forty-five paid-up members, and anticipate an additional number. Mrs. S C Bennett, promised to raise $50.00 for National Work We have $25.00 of it in hand. Two suffrage papers are taken—Women's Journal.

MRS. S. C. BENNETT, Pres.

### KENTON COUNTY.

We meet regularly every alternate week. We have ten members We took up the subjects of Civil Government and Tariff, under our President, Mrs Farmer, and we greatly miss her, and deeply regret her removal to Brooklyn, N Y.

J. H. SHEPARD, Sec'y.

### ARLINGTON, KY.

Our membership, though small, are very much in earnest. We organized a year ago, and held our meetings regularly, through winter and spring. We submitted papers for publication, until our town editors flatly refused them, when we sent them to a neighboring paper. Our dues are promptly paid

MRS. IDA STANLY, Pres.

M B. MCCONNELL, Cor. Sec.

### BOWLING GREEN.

We have distributed literature as usual. I have written an article for our press department, and it was widely circulated, even appearing in papers totally opposed to Woman's Suffrage. I am writing an article every week for the Oklahama campaign. Think we can send $3.00 or $3.50 dues soon.

L. C. OBENCHAIN

### LOUISVILLE.

I send you $2 10. There being six members who have paid, Mr Bradberry, Mrs Hibbard, Mrs Bradberry, Mrs Watts, Mrs. Leech and Miss Leech.

MRS. W. H. BRADBERRY, Treas.

HICKMAN:

We organized in September, 1897, with three members. Mrs. DeVoe lectured for us in October, and three regular and five honorary members were added. Four others been added since, and have lost four. Have taken up course of study. Had two lectures from home talent, and a lecture from Mrs. Hoffman Distributed over 3,000 papers and leaflets Sent dues to treasurer

S. M. HUBBARD.

FAYETTE COUNTY

Hold our monthly meetings in Women's Club Parlors. One lady donated $1.00 a month for the year. Mrs Catherine Reid, though not a member, donated $10.00 to be used as Miss Clay preferred. Miss Clay used $2.00 for the Kentucky Bannerettes at the N. A. W. S A. Convention, and placed the remainder in the local treasury.

Mrs. Mary Cramer represented the Association on a Joint Committee composed of a member each from the Woman's Club and W. C. T. U., to see about getting out a good ticket for the school trustees. The committee did excellent work. Mrs Cramer had a brief account of the Association and the names of its officers placed in the corner-stone of the new court house.

We contributed about two hundred comfort bags, which the W. C. T. U. gave to the Kentucky soldiers. Many of our members were active in the Soldier's Aid Society.

IDA W. HARRISON, Sec'y.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Kentucky University, one of the foremost educational institutions of the state, and one of the first to recognize the right of women, and their demand for higher and broader education, by opening its doors to them, has recently established a medical department at Louisville, Ky., making no provision in its charter for the admittance to its classes of that large and increasing number of our women who are adopting medicine as a profession;

RESOLVED, That we earnestly protest against this retrograde movement, and respectfully petition the management of the University to correct the matter, and admit women to this department, on the same terms, and under the same conditions, as men;

RESOLVED, Furthermore, that this resolution be forwarded to Col. Henry L. Stone, the legal member of the faculty of the

medical department; and that he be requested by this Association to present our petition to the management, urging immediate consideration of the appeal herein made

II WHEREAS, We have lost by death four valuable members, since our last convention;

RESOLVED, That we deplore their loss, and extend to their bereaved families and friends our heartfelt sympathy, and as a a token of our appreciation inscribe their names on the Memorial page in this volume

III That we extend our thanks to the citizens and press of Richmond for the courtesy shown to this convention.

KATE R. WIGGINS, Chairman.

## REPORT OF TREASURER, KY. E. R A.

——1897-1898——

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| To balance Dec. 1897 | | $ 80.06 | |
| Annual dues from Local Ass'ns, | | | |
| Arlington | $2.45 | | |
| Covington | 1.05 | | |
| Hickman | 1.75 | | |
| Lexington | 8.75 | | |
| London | 1.75 | | |
| Louisville | 2.10 | | |
| Newport | 5.25 | | |
| Richmond | 14.00 | | |
| | | 37.10 | |
| Traveling expenses, Donated, | | | |
| Mrs. M B Clay, | $6.75 | | |
| Miss Laura Clay, | 6.75 | | |
| Mrs. Cramer, | 4 80 | | |
| | | 18.30 | |
| Donation from London for Nat Org. Fund, | | 1.00 | |
| | | $136.46 | |

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| By | | |
| Programs | | $ 3.00 |
| Frankfort Committee | | 6.00 |
| Cor Sec'y | | 6.00 |
| Rec. Sec'y | | 1.00 |
| National Enrollment— | | |
| Mrs Hubbard | | 10.00 |
| State Dues to National Association | | 13.60 |
| Traveling Expenses— | | |
| Mrs M B Clay, | $6.75 | |
| Miss Laura Clay, | 6 75 | |
| Mrs. Cramer | 4.80 | |
| | | 18.30 |
| Balance | | 78.56 |
| | | $136.46 |

ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, Treas.
Ky. E. R. A.

January 17, 1899.—I have examined the expenditures and vouchers, and find the Treasurer's report correct.

LAURA CLAY, Auditor

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OF THE

## Thirteenth Annual Convention

OF

# The Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HELD AT

**Trinity Church**
**Covington, Ky.**
**October 17-18, 1901**

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**"If Ye Abide in My Word * * * Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make you Free."**

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LEXINGTON, KY.
1903.

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—OF—

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MRS. S. M. HUBBARD.....Hickman, Ky.

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MRS. JOHN BURK.....Newport, Ky.

*Advancement of Women's Work.*

MISS ANNA MORGAN.....Newport, Ky.

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MRS. A. M. HARRISON.....Lexington, Ky.

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MRS. SUSAN LOOK AVERY.....Louisville, Ky.

*Educational Opportunities for Women.*

MRS. CAROLINE LEECH.....Louisville, Ky.

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October 17th and 18th.

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## THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

**Opening Executive Committee Meeting.**

The President, Miss Laura Clay in the Chair.

The Committee adopted the following recommendations as a plan of work for the ensuing year.

1. That we endeavor to secure for all women in the State the same privileges of school suffrage now enjoyed by women in cities of the second class.

2. That a conference be held between the legislative committee of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and the legislative committees of the State Federation of Clubs, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that we may co operate in working for those measures the three organizations are alike interested in.

3. That we work for presidential suffrage for women.

4. That we endeavor to secure legislative action making manditory the appointment of not less than three women on the Board of Control of State College.

5. That we endeavor to secure any suffrage for tax-paying women that may be constitutional.

6. That we endeavor to secure women on the Boards of all reformatory, punitive and philanthropic State institutions.

7. That we continue to press the claims of mothers for an equal co-guardianship with fathers over minor children.

## Morning Session.

The convention opened at ten o'clock with devotional exercises, lead by the President, Miss Clay.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rose Wiggins being absent, Mrs. Alice Carpenter of Lexington was made Recording Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Committee on Credentials was appointed.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to all members of Kentucky Equal Rights Association present.

The printed program was made the orders of the day.

The convention enthusiastically welcomed our National President, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, and received much inspiration from her presence.

Mrs. A. E. Ellis appointed to arrange to have Mrs. Catt address the pupils of the High School Friday morning.

A number of fraternal delegates from Cincinnati were introduced. Their presence and assistance in the discussions added greatly to the interest of the convention.

The reports of the various superintendents were read and fully discussed.

It was voted that we try to secure co-education at the new consolidated Presbyterian College at Danville. The matter was referred to Plan of Work Committee.

It was voted that a special effort be made to secure a Department of Domestic Science at the State College.

A delightful message of greeting was read from Miss Anna Miller of Louisville.

The Convention adjourned.

## Thursday Afternoon Session.

The Convention met at 2 p. m.

After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes of the morning session, the recommendation of the Plan of Work Committee were read and fully discussed.

The recommendations were adopted.

Mrs. Catt addressed the Convention.

Mrs. Shrader of Ohio, spoke on How to Promote Interest in Woman's Suffrage.

Mrs. Drucker, Mrs Sachs, Mrs. Suell, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Walker were introduced and spoke helpfully along the lines of school suffrage.

A letter was read from Mrs. Geo. Avery, President of Federation of Clubs in Kentucky, pledging the hearty co-operation of the Clubs in the effort to secure full school suffrage.

Fraternal delegates were introduced from the Susan B. Anthony Club of Cincinnati.

The Convention adjourned.

**Second Day, Friday, 10 A. M.**

Devotional Exercises conducted by Miss Morgan.

Minutes read and approved.

The reports of the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary were made and adopted.

Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennet was reappointed chairman of Federation Suffrage Committee.

It was voted that it was the sense of the Convention that the size of the National Executive Committee should be reduced by dropping the State member..

Is was voted that the Legislative Committee be composed of the general officers.

The news of the death of our valued friend and co-worker, Mr. Hubbard of Hickman, was received with sadness and was felt as a great loss to the work. The Corresponding Secretary was directed to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. S. M. Hubbard.

The following pledges for money to carry on the State work were given:

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| Mr. George Handy | $ 8.00 |
| Mrs. Hubbard | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Sallie Bennet | 10.00 |
| Madison Co. E. R. A | 10.00 |
| Miss Laura Clay | 25.00 |
| Mrs. Mary B. Clay | 6 00 |
| Newport E. R. A. | 5.00 |
| Mrs Giltner | 3.00 |
| Twentieth Century Club | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Wolcott | 1.00 |
| Making a total of | 78.00 |

The following officers were unanimously elected.

President, Miss Laura Clay.

First Vice President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Cramer.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. McLaughlin.

Recording Secretary, Mr. Emma Roebuck.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Anna Miller.

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella Sheperd..

The following Superintendents were elected.

Bible Study, Mrs. Ellen V. Gibson.

Press Work, Mrs. L. C. Obenchain.

National Enrollment and Petition Work, Mrs J. M. Hubbard.

Work Among Young People, Mrs. John Burke.

Advancement of Woman's Work in Schools, Miss Anna Morgan.

Political Study, Mrs. A. M. Harrison.

Literature, Mrs. Susan Look Avery.

Educational Opportunities for Women, Mrs. Caroline Leech.

The Auditing Committee reported they found the Treasurer's report correct.

The Convention adjourned.

### Friday Afternoon.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Miss Clay.

Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Mary Light Ogle read an able paper on Taxation.

Mrs. Harriet Brown Stanton of Cincinnati, gave an able address urging more intelligent activity on the part of suffragists.

Greetings read from the Women's Missionary Union of Newport.

The following delegates to the National Convention were appointed:

| DELEGATES. | ALTERNATES. |
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| Prof. and Mrs. Giltner. | Mrs. Gibson. |
| Mrs. Obenchain. | Mr. Mary Clay. |
| Mrs. Trimble. | Miss Laura Bruce. |
| Mrs. Ellis. | Mrs. Cramer. |

A vote of thanks was tendered the Twentieth Century Club for their hospitable entertainment of the Convention, to Miss Zimmerman for her delightful solos and to Prof. La Vassar, the Pianist.

The Convention adjourned.

### Night Sessions, Thursday 8 o'clock.

Miss Laura Clay delivered her Annual Address in which she explained in detail the need of the proposed legislation and aroused much enthusiam by her masterly presentation of the subject.

Judge James Tarvin made a happy speech in which he spoke of the present law relating to the guardianship of children as a blot on our civilization and a relic of barbarism. Judge Tarvin gracefully introduced Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt who gave an address of remarkable strength and beauty.

Delightful music was a feature of the evening's program.

### Friday Night, 8 o'clock.

Judge Pryor introduced Mrs. Catt who again spoke to a delighted audience.

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## REPORTS.

### REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Circular letters have been sent to every Equal Rights Association in the State setting forth plans of work and giving suggestions.

Letters were written to friends over the State soliciting contributions to the National Bazaar Work.

Much literature has been distributed.

Dr. Frances Wood and Miss Clay made a lecture tour over the State greatly strengthening old organizations and forming new ones. They visited Barboursville and organized with Mrs. M. A. Tinsley as President. Lancaster organized with Mrs. W. O. Bradley, President; Mrs. Mary R Patterson as Treasurer.

They held a public meeting in Richmond. Dr. Woods being sick, Miss Clay went alone to Ashland and made an address in the Christian Church. Organized with Mrs. Davis as President and Miss Laura White as Treasurer. Dr. Woods spoke in Lexington to a delighted audience. Several new members were added. Miss Hallie Herndon arranged for a meeting at Frankfort but no organization was made. Spoke in Arlington, Paducah, Louisville, Covington and Newpart.

As a result of the fine work done by Mrs. Obenchain and the lectures that have been made over our State on woman suffrage, we notice a very marked growth in public sentiment for our cause. Space permits only the briefests *resume* of the reports from the various associations.

### PANUCAH.

A helpful lecture from Dr. Woods. Dues promptly paid; literature distributed.

### LANCASTER.

This Association was organized by Miss Clay and Dr. Frances E. Woods, with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. O. Bradley; Vice-President, Mrs. Margaret Gill; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary R. Patterson; Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Walter; Dues are promptly paid.

### ARLINGTON

Reports the loss by death of their beloved and able President, Mrs. Stanley. They have distributed literature and have encouraged the discussion of women suffrage by the young people in the schools. The membership has been gratifyingly increased and dues paid. Dr. Woods lectured. MRS. M. B. MCCONNELL, Secretary.

### RICHMOND

Reports a membership of 61. Much interest aroused by lectures by Dr. Woods. Literature distributed.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB OF COVINGTON

Reports an increase of 25 members as a result of the work of Dr. Woods. Weekly meetings were held. Made special effort to secure a woman's name on the ticket for Members of Board of Education. Appointed a special committee to ascertain what percentage of taxes are paid by women in Covington. MRS. N. S. MCLAUGHLIN, Secretary.

### BOWLING GREEN

Reports literature distributed and dues promptly paid, Donation sent to Bazaar at New York. MRS. L. OBENCHAIN, President.

### NEWPORT

Reports literature distributed and a gain in membership as a result of Dr. Woods' lecture. A large registration of women voters. Circulated a petition against the licensing of vice in the Philippines and obtained a large number of signatures. This petition was sent to Presidet McKinley. MISS ANNIE B. MORGAN, Secretary.

### FAYETTE

Reports the holding of successful open meetings and a very marked increase in membership. A committee was sent to Frankfort to request Governor Beckham to retain Dr. Louis Bergman as assistant in the Eastern Asylum for the Insane and to promote her to the place of second

assistant. Special effort made to increase the registration of women voters. Three thousand registered. Literature distributed. Contribution made to the National Bazaar. Dr. Woods and Mrs. Ida Withers Harrison lectured and much good resulted.

MISS LAURA CLAY, Secretary.

### KENTON COUNTY E. R. A.

Pays dues promptly. Increase in membership and in interest.

### BARBOURVILLE

Sends dues. Distributes literature.

### HICKMAN

Sends dues. Distributes literature.

## REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

### PRESS WORK.

Mrs. Lide Obenchain, Bowling Green, Superintendent, reports 38 papers in our State that publish suffrage articles. These are the leading ones in the State. Urges the appointment of local press superintendents who shall co-operate with the State Superintendents. Asks friends of suffrage to help in the work of getting good suffrage matter in the press. Urges Kentucky men and woman to write articles on woman's suffrage over their own signatures that their influence may be for our cause. Expresses a special desire that all our college papers may have frequent contributions. Expresses hearty appreciation for valuable assistance received from Mr. Geo. Handy of Harrodsburg. Over five hundred suffrage articles have appeared in the press of our State during the past year.

### ADVANCEMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

Miss Anna Morgan, Newport, Ky read a full report showing marked gain all over the world in priviliges accorded to women.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Mrs. Caroline Leach of Louisville, Superintendent, reports that in the Medical School of the University of Kentucky, a woman has been admitted with the promise from the Dean that he will stand by her if objections arise. This practically will mean the opening of all Medical Schools in Kentucky to women.

Written reports were not received from other Superintendents.

# REPORT OF TREASURER KENTUCKY

## BY RECEIPTS.

### 1899-1900.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Balance | | $ 87 73 |
| Donation from Laura Clay for Mrs. Catt's Lecture at Convention of 1899 | | 25 00 |
| Salary Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary B. Clay | $2.50 | |
| " " " " Morton | .75 | |
| " " " " Gibson | 3.50 | |
| " " " " Loughridge | .60 | |
| " " " " Bruce | 5.00 | |
| " " " " S. C. Bennett | 5.00 | |
| " " " " Thornton | 2.00 | |
| " " " Madison County Asso'n | 6.50 | |
| " " " Miss Belle Bennett | 5.00— | 30 85 |
| Donation, Miss Laura Clay for Press Work | | 10 00 |
| Pledge of $50 to H. A. W. S. A. (Mrs. Hubbard $15 paid last year) | | |
| " $50 to Mrs. S C. Bennett | $30.00 | |
| Mrs. W. W. Trimble | 5 00— | 35 00 |
| Mrs. Susan L, Avery for State Work | | 2 00 |
| Donation, Friend | | 5 00 |
| " Newport E. R, Association for Press Work | | 6 40 |
| " Mrs. Geo. Handy | | 8 00 |
| Annual Dues Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Handy | | 2 00 |
| " " Local Associations: Lexington | $11.20 | |
| " " " " Richmond | 21.00 | |
| " " " " Newport | 2.80 | |
| Covington: Twentieth Century Club | 2.45 | |
| " Kenton County Equal Rights Association, | 1.65— | 39 10 |
| Total | | $226 08 |

### 1900-1901.

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| To Balance | | $94 33 |
| Appropriations by N. A. W. S. A. for State Work, Dr. Woods | | 70 00 |
| Donation, Miss Laura Clay | | 21 40 |
| Receipts from Collections: Barboursville | $6.07 | |
| Richmond | 4.40 | |
| Arlington | 1,78 | |
| Louisville | 1.95— | 14 20 |
| Miss Laura White, for State Work | | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Hubbard for State Work | | 5 00 |
| Miss Laura Clay, Sale of Leaflets | | 25 |
| Donation, Mr. Geo. Handy | | 8 00 |
| Annual Dues, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Handy | | 2 00 |
| " " Local Associations: Arlington | $ 3.15 | |
| Ashland | 2.45 | |
| Barboursville | 2.10 | |
| Bowling Green | 4.00 | |
| Covington { 20th Cent. Club | 16.45 | |
| Covington { Kenton Co. Asso'n | 3.15 | |
| Hickman | 2.25 | |
| Lancaster | 2.10 | |
| Louisville | 7.35 | |
| Lexington | 29.05 | |
| Newport | 3.85 | |
| Paducah | 2.75 | |
| Richmond | 21.35— | 100 00 |
| Total | | $ 325 18 |

## EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

### 1899-1900.

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| By Mrs Catt | $ | 25 00 |
| Error in entry of amount paid to N. A. W. S A. for '99 | | 60 |
| Appropriations: Postage, etc. Corresponding Secretary | | 5 00 |
| " Work among Young People, Mrs. Grinstead, | | 3 00 |
| " Press Work, Mrs Obenchain | | 5 00 |
| " Recording Secretary | | 1 00 |
| " Traveling Expenses same | | 1 85 |
| Mrs. Obenchain | | 16 40 |
| Salary Corresponding Secretary | | 41 35 |
| Printing Minutes | | 10 00 |
| Annual Dues to N. A. W. S. A | | 11 10 |
| Revenue Stamps | | 20 |
| Printing Programs | | 1 25 |
| Balance | | 94 33 |
| Total | $ | 226 08 |

### 1900 1901.

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| For State Work, Dr. Frances Woods, etc | $ | 105 60 |
| Rent of Hall and Cards, Louisville | | 6 75 |
| Mrs. Obenchain for Press Work | | 20 00 |
| Salary to Corresponding Secretary | | 68 65 |
| Annual Dues to N. A. W. S. A | | 28 70 |
| Balance | | 95 48 |
| Total | $ | 325 18 |

## KENTUCKY REPORT.

National Convention at Minneapolis Kentucky sent five delegates.
Miss Laura Clay, First National Auditor.
Miss Laura Bruce Lexington.
Mrs. Mary Cramer, Lexington.
Mrr. Sarah Clay Bennet, Richmond.
Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Kentucky pledged one hundred dollars to the National for the coming year. Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. CLAY, First Vice President E. R. A.

## REPORT OF THE FRANKFORT COMMITTEE.

The Convention having voted that the Executive Committee should take in charge the Legislative work, as Chairman I went to Frankfort on January 14 in the interest of the bills of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and during the session I spent several weeks in that City. The measures decided upon by the State Convention were Presidential Suffrage for women, Co-guardianship for minor children, women trustees for the State College, and the extension of School Suffrage. As is already known, no success attended our efforts. Hon. V. H. Baird introduced the Co-guardianship bill in the House and Senator R. E. Puryear in the Senate. Hon. Chas. S. Searcy introduced the bill for women trustees for the State College in the House. Until this Session, the efforts of the Frankfort Committee had always failed to find any one to introduce the Presidential Suffrage bill. It was something of a success therefore, that this time Senator J. L. Whitehead introduced the bill which came to its second reading, and received the votes of seven senators, viz: C. H. Dye, B. L. Huntsman, A. T. Howard, T. L. Kirk, J. P. Huff, J. W. Cotton. J. L. Whitehead. The mention of this bill in the newspapers attracted the attention of the Anti-Suffrage Society of Massachusets, and for what I believe is the first time, they sent their little newspaper, The Remonstrance, to our Legislators.

The principal effort of the Frankfort Committee was devoted to resisting the repeal of School Suffrage for the women of the second-class cities.

The members of the Equal Rights Association in Covington and Newport made very earnest efforts to defeat the Klair Bill.

The Woman's Club and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union all over our State worked faithfully to retain the School Suffrage It is regretted that we have not a detailed record of the splendid service done by these organizations outside of Lexington.

### IN LEXINGTON

A joint committee appointed from the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Fayette Equal Rights Association was selected to devise means to prevent the repeal of

the clause in the charter of cities of the second class granting school suffrage to women. This committee in turn selected a general committee of one hundred. The Executive Committee consisted of Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Magdeline Mc Dowoell Breckinridge, Mrs. Frances Beauchamp, Mrs. Louise Bewley, Mrs. Minor Simpson, Mrs. Ida Harrison, Mrs Eugenia Dunlap Potts, Mrs. Mary C. Roark. Special editions of the Herald were issued filled with high testimonials from the most prominent men in Lexington, regarding the value of women's services on the Board of Education, and the advantage of women's voice in the control of the school.

The following memorial was sent to each member of the General Assembly and publised in the press of the State.

## MEMORIAL OF THE WOMEN OF LEXINGTON ON THE RETENTION OF THE SCHOOL SUFFRAGE.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

With an abiding faith in your sense of justice and in the belief that your devotion to the highest good of our citizens transcends all other considerations, we, a committee of one hundred, representing the intelligent and home-loving women of Lexington, do respectfully ask that the law granting school suffrage to women in cities of the second class be retained In support of this plea, we submit the following considerations:

1. The law, in its present form, has resulted in an awakened educational interest on the part of all the citizens, and in consequent improved conditions in the schools themselves. The highest authority in Lexington may be quoted to prove this statement. Superintendent Wm. Rogers Clay, in his report to the Board of Education at the close of the first year of women's service on the School Board, says: "At no time in the history of our schools have our teachers worked with greter energy and faithfulness." And again he reports: "I am glad to be able to say that work of the past year (1900) was exceptionally good." "I have visited the schools in other States and have never seen our discipline excelled."

II. In this, as in all other American cities, a very large majority of the teachers are women and these should have the advantage of sympathetic council and direction from members of their own sex.

III. As education is a public trust, it is perpaps the highest duty of the law-making body of the Commonwealth to create conditions that shall conserve the physical, intellectual and moral health of the children of the State, since upon these rest the safety and soundness, even the perpetuity of the State itself. Who can be more interested, who is so much interested in the welfare of children as the mothers?

This interest, seeking every opportunity to do the children good, would manifest itself at the voting booth in the election of those best fitted to administer the schools to whose care the children must be com-

mited for the greater part of the day. The mothers yield their children, when they are at the most impressionable age, to the public schools. It is manifestly right that they should have a voice in the selection of those who manage and control the schools.

IV. As members of the Board of Education, women, who constitute the majority of the intelligent leisure class of every community, have besides the incentive of their deep interest in the children, much better opportunities than men to visit the schools, to inspect there the sanitary conditions of plumbing, water supply, heating and ventilating, and to acquaint themselves with and correct wrong methods of teaching and disciplining pupils, and to rectify any other defects of educational policy that may appear.

V. Throughout our own State the interest of women in the condition of our schools is deepening. The Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, an organization representing five thousand women, at their annual meeting in Bowling Green last summer instructed their committee on education to present a bill to this Legislature asking for an extension of school suffrage to all women in this State. Other State organizations of women equally strong earnestly favor this progressive movement.

Unprejudiced testimony to the splendid results of school suffrage in communities in all parts of our nation where it has had the best opportunity to show its value is found in Volume II. (1895) of the report of Hon. W. T. Harris, National Commissioner of Education. Inquiries regarding the influence of women upon the schools were sent to the State Superintendents of those States granting full school suffrage to their women. A few typical statements from their replies are here quoted: The State Superintendent of Michigan says; "No intellligent man in Michigan, who has the best interests of schools at heart, has any desire to deprive women of this right."

The State Superintendent of Minnesota says: "In several of our cities ladies have been members of boards of education and have shown good business qualifications and have exerted an elevating influence upon the school boards and the schools themselves."

The State Superintendent of Wisconsin says: "Women have made efficient school officers and the State and the school system have certainly gaind by the extension of these privileges to woman."

The State Superintendent of Kansas says: "Kansas has had for a number of years a law permitting women to vote and be voted for by members of school boards. No objections have ever been raised against their voting. The mother, having a more tender feeling for her offspring, has been brought in contact with the workings of the schools and as a result her interest has gone out from the home to the schools, and consequently the schools have been made better."

From Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Connecticut and many other

States come equally commendatory expressions of the results of women's participation in the school elections.

Can it be justly said that the women of Lexington whose work in the establishing and maintenance of a splendid free library, free hospital, orphan's homes and innumerable other public institutions, is known throughout the State and outside of its bounds, are not competent to exercise as beneficent an influence upon public education as have the women in these States cited above? Since when and by what means have Kentucky women become more indiffent to duty or have become less capable of discharging it than the women of Michigan, Illinois, New Jersey, Wyoming and Minnesota?

The repeal of the law granting school suffrage to women in cities of the second class would be a marked reflection on the intelligence and public spirit of Kentucky women. We appeal to you, the honored legislators of Kentucky, selected to guard the best interests of all the citizens, to protect the women of Lexington in their right of school suffrage.

Mrs. John Reid.
Mrs. Sarah H. Allen.
Mrs. Laura F. Shropshire.
Miss Lizzie Halstead.
Mrs J. W McGarvy.
Mrs. V. M. Alexander.
Miss Eva C. Stevenson.
Mrs. M. B. Saunders
Mrs. N. C. Terrill.
Miss Mary D. Sharpe.
Mrs. M. A. Ballard.
Mrs. Carrie Hanson.
Miss Anna Totten.
Mrs Susan Shelby.
Mrs. Harrison Garman.
Mrs. G. A. Delong.
Mrs. Sarah Rogers.
Mrs. Mat Walton.
Mrs. R. G. Elliott.
Mrs. Hart Boswell.
Mrs. Thomas Bradley.
Dr. Julia Washburn.
Mrs. James P. Headly.
Mrs. T. B. Hay.
Mrs. Shelby T. Harbison.
Mrs. J. Withers Smith.
Mrs. Clarence Mathews.
Mrs. Joseph Clark
Mrs. Hart Gibson.

Mrs. Louisa Bruce.
Mrs. Helen J. Berryman.
Mrs. Wood G. Dunlap.
Miss Anna F. Didlake.
Mrs. Lewis F. Burton.
Mrs. Stanley Milward.
Mrs. Mary D. Short.
Mrs. Wm. J. Loughridge
Miss Mattie Hutchinson.
Miss Annie McElhinny.
Mrs M. H. Hodges.
Mrs. M. E. Robinson.
Mrs John M. Clay.
Mrs. Robt. Berry.
Mrs. Wm. Threlkeld.
Mrs. Virgil McClure.
Miss Laura Rogers.
Mrs. James White.
Mrs. M. J. Durham.
Mrs. Elizabeth Scott.
Mrs. Fannie Barnes.
Mrs. Ella F. Williamson.
Mrs. D. G. Falconer.
Mrs. G. W. Darnall.
Mrs. Wilbur R Smith
Miss Zelinda Neville.
Mrs. M. L Moore.
Mr. J. H. Overstreet.
Mrs. Wm. C. Goodloe.

Mrs. Charlton Morgan.
Mrs. H. H. Gratz.
Miss Ella Williams.
Miss Sue B. Scott.
Miss Nannie Bush.
Miss Margaret Shaw.
Mrs. Wellington Payne.
Mrs Wallace Searles.
Miss Katherine Pettit.
Mrs. George Denny.
Mrs. George Didlake.
Miss Lillie Robinson.
Mrs. Jere Morton.
Mrs Frances E. Beauchamp
Mrs M. A. Harrison.
Mrs. J. C. Taylor.
Mrs. James Todd.
Mrs. Wickliffe Preston.
Mrs Lee Huffman.
Mrs. Alex G. Dunlap.
Mrs. Roger Williams.
Mrs. Edith Cox.
Mrs S. R. West Marshall.
Mrs. A. S. Winston.
Mrs. Clarence Egbert.
Mrs. J. A. Stucky.
Mrs. Milford White.
Mrs. Hamilton Scott.
Mrs. B. L. Coleman.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge.
Mrs. G. D. Kelly.
Mrs. Percy Scott.
Mrs. W. McClure.
Mrs. J. S. Tompkins.
Mrs. Thomas H. Clay.
Miss Fannie M. Anderson.
Mrs. Maggie Clark.
Mrs. M. T. Scott.
Mrs. Euginia D. Potts.
Mrs. Kate Bronaugh.
Mrs. H. C. McDowell.
Mrs. James H. Mulligan.
Mrs. Wm. A. Gunn.
Mrs. Ellen D. Payne.
Mrs. M. A. Ketchum.
Miss Lucretia H. Clay.
Miss Fannie D White.
Mrs. R. P. Stoll.
Mrs. Minor Simpson.
Mrs. Richard Arnspiger.
Miss Laura Clay.
Mrs. F. A. Cramer.
Miss Julia McDowell.
Mrs. William McDowell.
Mrs. Alice L. Carpenter.
Mrs E. O. Hiatt.
Mrs. A. D. Willetts.
Mrs. James B. Clay.
Mrs. Mark Collis.
Mrs. James E. Pepper.
Mrs. Mary C. Roark.
Mrs. Phillip Grinstead.
Mrs. Henry Bewley.

After the Klair Bill had passed the Lower House and was pending in the Senate the following letter was sent to the Senators.

**APPEAL OF THE WOMEN OF LEXINGTON TO THE LEGISLATORS OF KENTUCKY.**

It is stated by those favoring the Klair School Suffrage Bill that the women of Lexington do not want school suffrage. This statement is made in the face of the fact that more than eight hundred of the best class of white women—in which number the white Republican women are not included—attested their desire in October, 1901, by placing their names upon the registration books; and this, although the regi tration places were intentionally placed in negro cabins, barber shops and livery stables; although no women were permitted to serve as officers of registration as in preceding years; although an effort was made by local politicians to get out an objectionable class of women in order to bring school suffrage into disrepute. Owing to these facts and the absence of any special issue, the registration of white women in 1901 was smaller than in any preceding year since the granting of school suffrage to women.

The statement that the white women of Lexington do not want the school suffrage is made in the face of the fact that an executive committee, representing organizations comprising three thousand white women of Lexington and Fayette County, delegated by those associations to carry on the work, have been engaged for several weeks in an agitation against the proposed repeal of the suffrage privilege. To a memorial put forth by this committee the names of one hundred conservative women were signed.

The suffrage is desired not, as stated by the local politicians, by a few leading club women alone, but by a large number of conservative women, by the mothers of children in the public schools and by those intelligent women whose interest in public affairs has been proven year after year, as above stated by the registration books. On the contrary

the opposition to the school suffrage for women proceeds from a few local politicians, and their statements that it is not desired by the community at large, not by the white women of Lexington, are entirely unsupported by proof.

We the women of Lexington, appeal to you, the Legislators of the State of Kentucky, to protect us in a right already granted us. We ask this as citizens, as tax-payers, as mothers of children in the public schools. We ask it believing that the participation of women in the management of the public schools is for the best interests of the children in those schools and of the community at large. What man among you is there who believes that women are not capable of being the teachers of children, or who would cast a vote to deprive women of the right to teach in the public schools? If then you believe women capable of teaching your children, do you not also believe them capable of exercising a wise and wholesome effect in the management of schols? We have been taught that the Legislators of our State were ever ready to protect and uphold the rights of the women of Kentucky. In this assurance, we, the women of Lexington, earnestly desiring that the privilege of school suffrage be not taken from us, appeal to you to protect us in this right.

After the final defeat of our efforts the Executive Committee published the following statement:

**Statement of the Executive Committee for the Retention of School Suffrage.**

School suffrage for women of cities of the second class has been repealed. Since the repeal was earnestly opposed by the women of the second class cities, and since school suffrage for women in general has been endorsed within the last year by the State conventions of the principal organizations of women, whose objects at all include public interests—the Federations of Women's Clubs, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Equal Rights Association—the repeal is a notable event in the history of the school laws; and, in the interests of public education in Kentucky, deserving all the information this committe can give concerning the circumstances attending it.

The repeal originated with the Democratic organization of Lexington; and Representative Klair early announced that it would be carried by a party vote in the General Assembly. So it proved; it was introduced in the House and 65 out of 74 Democrats voted for it, eight being absent or not voting, and Hon. J. W. Kennedy voting against it in response to a protest from his constituents; and 19 out of 26 Republicans voting against it, six being absent or not voting, and one voting with the Democrats, because, it is reported, he said he could not afford to lose the help of the Committee on Municipalities for a bill of his own. The bill did not receive a moment's discussion on its merits in either house.

The efforts of the women to resist the repeal are too recent to need

more than a brief mention. As there is no organization among them to meet such an exigency as an attack from their city's representative upon a franchise they valued and used beneficially for the schools, they were at an immense disadvantage to voice their protest. Even the knowledge that such a repeal was contemplated, never having been announced in print, spread slowly and indefinitely among them from the accidental conversation of one or two women with the city's legislators. As soon as the report was verified, the Woman's Club, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Equal Rights Association appointed a joint executive committee to devise and put in operation means to resist the repeal. They in turn appointed a committee of one hundred and more leading women, chosen without regard to their polictical preferences, but representing mothers whose children attended the public schools, the tax-payers and the philanthropy and public spirit of Lexington women.

A memorial to the General Assembly was carefully prepared, urging the reasons why women should retain school suffrage, and signed by the committees. Mrs. A. M. Harrison was delegated to go to Frankfort, and she appeared before the House Committee on Municipalities, which had the Klair bill under consideration. She explained the fact that for the first time at the last election there had been a larger registration of colored women than that of white ones by stating that the negroes had been much aroused by the fear of the appointment of a colored man whom they disliked very much as principal of their schools; and she made an admirable address, in which the rights of mothers to a voice in the management of schools, the beneficial results of their suffrage in Lexington and the commendations of women's school suffrage in other States by the highest educational authorities, were ably set forth. Representative Klair made it clear that the record of the one School Board to which some women were elected was commendable, when, trying to turn the force of Mrs. Harrison's augument that the mother sex would be deprived of a voice in the control of the schools, he pointed out that the Bill retained women's elegibility to election to the School Board. Mrs. Harrison presented the memorial signed by the committee of one hundred. But the Bill was reported favorably and was passed in the House by the vote mentioned.

Strong in their sense of justice of their cause, the women were not deterred from efforts to defeat it in the Senate. A committee was instructed to see the Democratic Committee of Lexington and Fayette County, and beg their influence to stay the repeal; but after several day's trial they failed to obtain an interview, as all their efforts to do so were persistently evaded.

In the meanwhile, the women had published in The Herald opinions of many prominent citizens, men and women, and other articles favoring their school suffrage; and each Senator was supplied with a copy.

At this time the women hoped the Klair Bill might be amended so

as to retain the franchise for those who could read and write intelligently, as the large registration of illiterate women at the last election had been argued as a reason for the repeal. In this hope several Democratic gentlemen of Lexington were seen, and expressed themselves as satisfied with such a solution of the question; and its constitutionality was affirmed in a legal opinion given in an editorial in The Herald. Senator Allen said he preferred an educational qualification to a repeal, that he would present such an amendment in the Senate and was confident he could carry it. Representative Klair also said that if the amendment passed the Senate he would carry it through the House. The women had the bill prepared by a lawyer, incorporating the amendment agreed upon, but in a few days Senator Allen wrote that he had received so many protests against the amendment that he should have to support the bill as it passed the House.

The women prepared another appeal, and placed it on the desk of each Senator, in which they refuted the statement that the white women did not want school suffrage by referring to the agitation they had maintained for weeks against the Klair Bill, and by showing that 800 white women, not including other hundreds of Republican white women, had registered at the last election, although the registration places had been intentionally placed in negro cabins, barber shops and livery stables, and although no women were appointed to serve as officers of registration, as in previous years.

Another delegation visited Frankfort to appear before the Senate Committee on Education. Mrs Frances E. Beauchamp spoke first, and made a graceful and convincing address, refuting the objections that had been rumored to have been made against school suffrage, and showing the benefits that had accrued to the schools from women's voting. She was followed by Judge Jere R. Morton, who announced himself as a lifelong Democrat, and made a strong speech, saying he had found a very large majority of the professional men of Lexington in favor of the woman's franchise, that he had heard of no movement among women requesting its repeal, while those who were pleading for its retention were worthy of confidence as representatives of the best element of the citizens. He argued that it was unjust and foreign to all idea of progress to repeal a law which had not yet been given a sufficient trial to allow a judgment of its merits. Senator Allen made a speech in favor of the repeal. Mrs. A. M. Harrison closed the hearing with the plea that women should not receive what must seem an affront to them in the eyes of the world, by the repeal of a franchise which, when exercised by the women in other States, had succeeded beyond expectation in the advancement of education.

It has been suggested that a petition signed by a majority of the intelligent white women voters would have induced the Senate to defeat the Bill. The women thought of such a petition and had every reason

to believe that it would have been signed by a very large majority; but Senator Allen was asked if a petition from any number of women would alter his actions, and he answered that it would not, as he had satisfied himself of what were their wishes. In his speech before the Senate Committee he said he had got a friend to go out and secure names of women who did not want to vote, and she had brought back thirty names from one precinct and knew of sixty more who thought the same way, but did not care to put their names down. As none of these names were published, the public had no means of judging whether those women were influenced by partisan views or by the broader views announced by the women who made their protest public. There is no reason to believe that a petition, however numerously signed, would have served any purpose. No indication ever appeared that the controling majority in either house would be affected by any appeal from the women against the wishes of the Legislators from Lexington; and they were decided in their action by those members of the Democratic organization who were not willing to allow the franchise to be retained, even with an educational qualification.

In the light of the result, it appeared that all the protests of the women never induced the majority of the promoters of the repeal to consider any other aspects of the question than the mere partisan advantage they sought to gain.

Whatever grief and humiliation the women who valued the franchise may suffer at being bereft of it, they desire to subordinate their feelings in this review to a presentation of some facts which show that their loss is but a part of the injury to the larger interests of the State.

Twenty-three States—Kansas, Wyoming, Michigan, Minnesota, Colrado, New Hampshire, Oregan, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, Nebraska, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio, Utah, Idaho and Delaware—covering a very large part of the United States which has made conspicuously better progress in overcoming illiteracy than our own State, have adopted school suffrage for women with results so favorable to education through the enlistment of their responsible interest, as to call forth the testimony of high and unprejudiced authorities. In Kentucky a limited school suffrage for women has been the policy of the State since the establishment of its school system in 1838, as in rural districts widows with children of school age have always been allowed to vote for school trustees. In 1890 the constitutional convention gave the General Assembly such power in regard to school suffrage as to permit its extension to women and to require qualifications for its exercise, either by men or women. In 1894 a Democratic General Assembly granted school suffrage to women of cities of the second class. For seven years they used it with that constantly increasing interest resulting so favorably in other States. And now it has been withdrawn, because at one registration in one city there was a majority of the illiterate and non-taxpaying class.

The General Assembly has authority to throw around this franchise such qualifications of education or of tax-paying as it may deem advisable. Clothed with these powers, it was not necessary to ignore the protests of tay-paying, law abiding, intelligent women, and to depart from the grand principle of maintaining the greatest freedom of every class, compatible with the good of all, by a sweeping repeal of a franchise By so doing it has receded from what has been the Democratic policy throughout the school history of the State; and has checked one of the most hopeful movements for the stimulation among the people of a healthful and much needed interest in their public schools.

Mrs. M. T. Scott.
Mrs. Mary C. Roark.
Mrs. Magdeline Breckinridge.
Mrs. Minor Simpson.
Mrs. Eugenia D. Potts.
Mrs. Richard Arnspiger.
Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp.
Mrs. Henry Bewlay.
Mrs. F. A. Cramer.
Miss Laura Clay.

The gratifying fact that the best people of the State were on our side gives us confidence to believe that the next General Assembly will extend full school suffrage to all the women of Kentucky.

Laura Clay,
Chairman Legislative Commmittee.

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

By vote of the Executive Committee in April, 1900, $5 was appropriated to the Corresponding Secretary, $5 to the Press Superintendent, $6 40 to the Press Superintendent by donation from the Newport E. R. A., $3 to Mrs. Grinstead for expenses to Frankfort incurred in carrying the petition; there having been no State Convention in 1900.

In May, 1901, the Executive Committee elected by circular letter, to the National Convention at Minneapolis, as follows: Miss Mary B. Clay, Member of Executive Committe; Miss Laura S. Bruce, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer. A vote was also taken to pay the remaining salary of the Corresponding Secretary to June, 1901; to appropriate $15 for the use of the Press Superintendent.

NEWPORT, KY., June 22, 1903.

The Executive Committee met at the residence of Mrs. Roebuck, with the following members present: Miss Clay, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin and Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck.

Delegates selected for the National Convention in New Orleans, in March, 1903, were:

Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Hickman, Ky.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington, Ky.

Mrs. E. M. Roebuck, Neport, Ky.

On motion of Mrs. Shepard it was decided that we adopt the resolution of the last convention, that the first alternate fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, etc. The alternates selected were:

First alternate, Mrs. Laidley, Covington, Ky.

Second Alternate, Miss L. S. Bruce, Lexington, Ky.

Third alternate, Prof. W. S. Giltner, Covington, Ky.

Fourth alternate, someone from Louisville, Ky.

Moved and carried that the Treasurer write to the five delinquent Associations and two State members to send in their dues before the National Convention in March.

Moved and carried that the Treasurer send Miss Annie Miller $30, being the salary due her as Corresponding Secretary for the last half of the year 1902.

Moved and carried that since we have had no State Convention and the minutes of the last convention not yet printed, the report of the Treasurer, of the Corresponding Secretary and the minutes of this Executive Committee Meeting be printed in the minutes.

Committee rose.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

# REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1902.

## CAMPBELL COUNTY, EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Has held monthly meetings. At the beginning of the year we had eleven paid up members. In march 1902, Miss Gail Laughlin lectured for us, and twenty-one new members were added. Miss Laughlin lectured to the pupils and teachers of our high school. We worked hard to retain school suffrage. Two of our delegates voted against the Klair Bill. Our Society takes the Women's Journal and distributes literature. We have thirty members—among them six gentlemen..

EMMA ROEBUCK, President.

## ASHLAND

Sends $4.20, dues. Reports no decrease in interest.

## COVINGTON.

Twentieth Century Club sends $17.50 for dues Worked hard to retain school suffrage. Reports increase in interest and good work accomplished.

## KENTON COUNTY.

Pays dues promptly. Did faithful work to defeat Klair Bill. Reported 1143 white women registered at last election.

## FRANKFORT.

Pays dues promptly. Much interest felt by the members.

## HICKMAN.

Distributes Literature. Pays dues. No abatement in loyalty to our cause.

## LANCASTER.

Increased realization of need of ballot for women in fighting saloons. Pays dues. Ready for greater effort in future.

## RICHMOND.

Pays $25.00 dues. Doing good work.

## LOUISVILLE.

Sends dues. A great suffrage revival expected soon. The women in the various philanthropic orginizations see the need of the ballot in order to carry out their purposes.

## LEXINGTON.

Reports lectures from Mrs. Catt and Miss Gail Laughlin. Did hard work to retain school suffrage.

An open meeting was held on June 30, 1902, for considering what action the Equal Rights Association should take to present the interests of women to the Board of Trustees of the State College. A committee

was appointed to act with a similar committee from the W. C. T. U. in asking the Board of Trustees of State College, that the girl's domitory be built without further delay, that the three women supervisors required in the dormitory Legislative act be appointed at once so they could advise in the details of the building; that a Dean of women be appointed and that a department of Domestic Science be made a part of the curriculum. This plan was carried into effect the next day, Miss Laura Clay serving as spokesman for the joint committee. Reports the death of a noble friend of women and an honored member, Dr. Lyman B. Todd. A growing increase in members and interest is noticed. Dues are paid promptly. Literature distributed.

## Treasurer's Report, 1901-1902.

### RECEIPTS.

January 1, 1903.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Balance | | $ 95 00 |
| Mrs. Cantrill, Donation Legislative Work | $ 5.00 | |
| Miss Laura Clay, Donation | 25.00 | |
| Mrs. Giltner, Donation State Work | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Wolcott, " " " | 1.00 | |
| Twentieth Century Club, Donation State Work | 5.00 | |
| Newport E. R. Association, " " " | 5.00 | |
| " " " " " Fund | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Bennet, Donation | 10.00 | |
| Mrs. M. B. Clay, " | 6.65 | |
| Miss Laura Clay, " | 6.65 | |
| " " " | 30— | 74 60 |
| For Miss Laughlin's Expenpes. | | |
| Miss Laura Clay | 42.59 | |
| Covington | 3.50 | |
| Lancaster | 3.50 | |
| Richmond | 2.50 | |
| Annual Dues from Local Associations. | | |
| Ashland | 4.20 | |
| Covington Twentieth Century Club | 17.50 | |
| Kenton County E. R. Association | 2.45 | |
| Frankfort | 3.50 | |
| Hickman | 2.00 | |
| Lancaster | 2.10 | |
| Lexington | 31.50 | |
| Louisville | 6.50 | |
| Newport | 10.50 | |
| Richmond | 25.00— | 105 25 |
| Total | | $327 42 |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

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| By Amount Paid Mrs. Catt | | $ 25 00 |
| " " Programmes | | 2 50 |
| Traveling Expenses, Mrs. M. B. Clay | $6.65 | |
| Miss Laura Clay | 6.65 | |
| Mrs. Roark | 4.80 | |
| Mrs. Cramer | 4.80— | 22 90 |
| Salary, Miss Annie Miller | | 60 00 |
| Annual Dues to National Association (300 members) | | 30 00 |
| Miss Laughlin's Expenses | $14.59 | |
| Salary, two weeks | 37.50— | 52 09 |
| | | $ 192 49 |
| Balance | | 134 93 |
| Total | | $ 327 42 |

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Fourteenth Annual Convention

OF

# The Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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## Trinity Episcopal Church
## Covington, Ky.
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MRS. JOHN BURK.....Newport, Ky.

*Advancement of Women's Work.*

MISS ANNA Morgan.....Newport, Ky.

*Political Study.*

MRS. A. M. HARRISON.....Lexington, Ky.

*Literature.*

MRS. SUSAN LOOK AVERY.....Louisville, Ky.

*Educational Opportunities for Women.*

MRS. CAROLINE LEECH.....Louisville, Ky.

*State Historian*

MISS HALLIE HERNDON.....Frankfort, Ky.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

# THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION,

## TRINITY CHURCH, COVINGTON, KY.,

**November 11 and 12, 1903.**

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**EXECUTIVE and PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 11th, AT 9 A. M.**

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The President, Miss Laura Clay in the Chair.

The Committee decided to recommend the following plan of work to the convention:

That we continue our efforts to obtain school suffrage from the legislature, for all women in the state.

That we ask for Presidential suffrage for women.

That we endeavor to obtain for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children, equal with fathers.

That we ask for a bill making it mandatory to appoint women on the Board of Trustees of the State College.

That we pay to our Press Superintendent a salary of $5.00 a month as long as there are free will offerings sufficient.

That we elect a Corresponding Secretary who lives in the same city as the State President.

That if there are sufficient free will offerings, the state employ Dr. Francis Wood for a month's lecturing throughout the state.

That as many news letters be sent to the local presidents as they will distribute.

That we appoint a State Historian.

That we amend Article 6 of the constitution, and put the office of State Historian next to that of State Organizer.

That the delegates to the National Convention go uninstructed as to what pledge of money shall be made to the N. A. W. S. A.

That we incorporate the State Association.

That if the State Association succeeds in raising a club of 25 new subscribers to the *Woman's Journal*, the disposition of the same

be left to the choice of the local Associations, whether it shall be put in the state treasury or returned to the locals proportionately to the number of subscribers they send

That we leave the adoption of the plan of Mrs. Hackstaff, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment of the N. A. W. S. A., to the choice of each local association.

That we adopt the plan of the Chairman of the Committee on Increase of Membership of the N. A. W. S. A. (See reports.)

Committee rose.

### MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at ten o'clock by the President, Miss Laura Clay.

Scriptural reading by Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, followed with a prayer by the President.

Moved that the program be made the order of business.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Credentials—Mrs. S. M. Hubbard; Finance—Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Auditing—Mrs. Alice H. White; Courtesies—Mrs. Mary E. Giltnēr; Subscription to *Woman's Journal*—Mrs. Jennie Cleveland; Subscriptions to *Progress*—Mrs. Ida M. Beck.

Resolutions Committee consisted of one member from each local association represented.

Minutes of the Executive meeting, January, 1903, were read.

Report of circular letters from the President to members of the Executive Committee, in which vote was taken to pay $20.00 to Press Superintendent for postage and stationery, $25.00 for the Woman's Council at Lexington, and the invitation was accepted from the 20th Century Club to hold the convention in Covington.

Report of the chairman of the Woman's Council at the Lexington Chatauqua was read by Mrs. Mary C. Cramer and accepted.

Moved that the plan of work recommended by the Executive Committee be considered seriatim.

Moved that we pay the Press Superintendent, Mrs. L. C. Obenchain, a salary of $5.00 a month, provideed there are free-will offerings sufficient.

Moved that we elect a Corresponding Secretary who resides in the same city from which the President is elected.

Moved that the State Association employ Dr. Francis Wood

for a month's lecturing throughout the state, provided there are sufficient free-will offerings.

Moved that as many Kentucky E. R. A. news letters be sent to each local president as they will distribute.

Moved that each local president send news items to the state president for the news letters.

Moved that, in accordance with the recommendation of the National Association, we appoint a State Historian.

Moved to amend Article 6 of the constitution and put the office of State Historian next to that of State Organizer, thereby giving her a seat in the convention. Passed unanimously.

Moved that we incorporate the State Association.

Moved that a committee be appointed to inquire into the details of incorporation and report before the convention adjourned. Chair appointed Mrs. Isabella Shepard and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin for this committee.

Moved that we continue our petition to the General Assembly to grant school suffrage to all women.

The delegates from the Fayette E. R. A. having been instructed, presented the following resolution: "Recognizing the menace to good government of our present illiterate vote, we recommend to the State Equal Rights Association that it hereafter asks for suffrage for women with an educational qualification.

Moved that we accept the recommendation of the Fayette E. R. A. Passed unanimously.

Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. S. M. Hubbard led the devotional excercises.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Reports of the Superintendents of Press Work, of Literature and of the Advancement of Woman's Work were read and accepted.

Report of the Member of the Executive Committee of the N. A. W. S. A. was read and accepted.

As Mrs. Kate Trimble Wolsey was not present to address the convention as appeared on the program, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin read a paper by Mrs. Wolsey, which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Sarah Schrader of the Cincinnati 20th Century Club addressed the convention and spoke most entertainingly on Lucy Stone.

Miss Laura Clay, our State President gave her annual address. She said in part:

"There are distinct advances on several lines in the State Association. One of them is printing the Kentucky Equal Rights *News Letter*. It is not intended to make this letter a newspaper depending on subscriptions. We desire to encourage our members to subscribe to the *Woman's Journal*, which has in it the National column, the official organ of the N. A. W. S. A., and to *Progress*, a small sheet published by the N. A. W. S. A., and of which free copies, equal to the number of subscribers, are sent to editors, ministers, college professors and other influential persons. * * * * For the first time our Association has made a systematic use of one of our large Summer Chatauqua Assemblies. Under the able management of Mrs. Mary C. Roark, the State and the Fayette E. R. A.'s combined to hold a Woman's Council through the whole session of the Lexington Chatauqua. * * * Everywhere there is a growing conviction that our question is a live question of the day I believe that ours is really the most popular reform of the day. What we need is organization. * * * * We are happy to welcome into our ranks the Jessamine E. R. A.. organized on Nov. 2nd."

Report of committee on credentials was received and accepted.

The convention returned to the consideration of the suggestions of the committee on Plan of Work.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Mrs. Sarah Schrader, and she was invited to take part in the discussions.

Moved that co-guardianship, of father and mother, of minor children, shall be one of the bills asked from the Legislature.

Moved that we ask the Legislature for Presidential suffrage

Moved that we ask the Legislature to make it mandatory to have women on the Board of Trustees of the State College.

It was decided that the distribution of the premium on the state club of the *Woman's Journal* shall be awarded to the local association which obtained the subscribers.

Moved that we adopt the plan of the chairman of the committee on Increase of Membership of the N. A. W. S. A.

The chairman of this committee advises that the requirements of membership in local Suffrage Associations shall be simplified, so as to throw no duties upon the individual who does not care to assume them, except those which cannot be delegated. All other necessary ones for maintaining organization should be performed by official members, with such aid from the others as may be given of free will. An analysis shows that there is but one duty which cannot be delegated to officers; and that is to "stand up and be counted" by subscribing to our principles and by paying annual dues.

The chairman recommends, therefore :

The local clubs adopt this simple requirement as the sole obligation of an

unofficial member; the member agreeing, in order to spare the treasurer the appearance of importunity, that the dues for each year may be asked for until paid, or the year closes. No back dues should be collected.

Also, that the duties of local officers shall be simplified. Where there is difficulty in maintaining frequent meetings, only one meeting annually for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, shall be obligatory.

Of course they may undertake any other meetings or work they may desire and consider feasible with the resources they have at hand; but they should direct their chief activity to increasing the membership. In doing this or any other work, they may freely ask aid from unofficial members; taking care to be moderate in their expectations, and to use tact in asking what is likely to be congenial to the person ssked; and also remembering that the member so asked is perfectly free to decline.

The officers shall collect the dues; and all of them, especially the treasurer, should be strongly imbued with a sense of the dignity and importance of this duty. since without a careful collection of dues, all the efforts of the club to increase the "argument of numbers" will be thwarted.

They should co-operate as for as possible with the plans of the State and National Association. To promote mutual helpfulness between the State and local associations, it is recommended: That State officers shall keep in touch with local clubs by quarterly or monthly letters, constantly inculcating that increasing membership is their most indispensible service. That they shall maintain work for education and agitation by a vigorous use of the newspaper press. under the superintendency of the National Press Committee; by a systematic distribution of literature; and by sending a speaker and organizer at least once a year, and as much oftener as practicable, throughout the State. In these efforts they should ask the co-operation of the officers of the local clubs, as far as practicable.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

### Thursday Morning, Nov. 12.

Executive Committee met Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

After reading a letter from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, presenting the subject of Child Labor, it was decided unadvisable to recommend any action on the subject to the convention.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Mary R. Paterson.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report of State Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, was received and the books placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

Letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie Miller, who was unable to attend the convention. She regretted this, and thought that this important office should be filled by a

woman with time for the work. She expressed her appreciation of the cordiality of the members everywhere to herself.

Letters of greeting were read from our National Honorary President, Susan B. Anthony, calling attention to the celebration of the birthday of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and to the history of Woman's Suffrage; also from our National Treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton.

Letter was read from the national committee on the celebration of Lucy Stone's birthday, August 13th.

The President urged all to use the suffrage stamps on envelopes of their letters.

Reports from the local associations were:

Mrs. Mary R. Paterson gave a verbal report of what Lancaster had done.

Mrs. S. M. Hubbard gave an encouraging report of work done at Hickman.

Mrs. Alice White reported awakened interest at Louisville.

Mrs. Mary C. Cramer read report from the Fayette E. R. A.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin read report of the Covington 20th Century Club.

Mrs. Amanda Stimson read report of the Campbell Co. E. R. A.

Mrs. Isabella Shepard reported from the Kenton Co. E. R. A.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted.

President urged the locals to raise clubs of six for the *Woman's Journal*, and ten for *Progress* so as to secure the reduced club rates.

Moved that we take up the election of officers.

Mrs. Mary R. Paterson and Mrs. Mary L. Ogle were appointed tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

For President, Miss Laura Clay, of Lexington.

The local committee, having announced luncheon was ready, requested that we postpone the remainder of the election until the afternoon meeting.

Adjourned.

**Thursday Afternoon.**

Convention resumed at 1.30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs M. W. Bender, of Louisville.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Convention returned to the election of officers with the following results:

First Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay of Richmond.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer of Lexington.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin of Covington.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark of Lexington.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck of Newport.
Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard of Covington.
Chair declared an intermission of five minutes to allow the Executive Committee to nominate superintendents.

The following superintendents were nominated:
Bible Study, Mrs. Ellen V. Gibson.
Press Work, Mrs. L. C. Obenchain.
National Enrollment and Petition Work, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard.
Work Among Young People, Mrs. John Burk.
Advancement of Woman's Work, Miss Anna Morgan.
Political Study, Mrs. A. M. Harrison.
Literature, Mrs. Susan Look Avery.
Educational Opportunities for Woman, Mrs. Caroline Leech.
State Historian, Miss Hallie Herndon.
The courtesies of the floor were extended to the Rev. Anna Shaw, and she was made a member of the convention.
Moved that the nominations of the Executive Committee for Superintendents and State Historian be accepted as a whole.
Moved that we nominate our delegates to the National Convention by acclamation.

The nominations were:
Member of National Executive Committe—Mrs. Mary Giltner, Covington.
Delegates—Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Lexington; Mrs. George C. Avery, Louisville; Mrs. Mary L. Ogle, Covington; Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport; Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington; Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Covington; Mrs. Ida M. Beck, Covington; Miss Laura Bruce, Lexington.
As we were entitled to only four delegates they were chosen by ballot from the nominees, and the balloting resulted as follows:
Mrs. Mary L. Ogle, Covington; Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington; Miss Laura Bruce, Lexington; Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Lexington.
Moved that nominations for alternates be by acclamation.

Nominations for alternates:
Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington; Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport; Mrs. Ida M. Beck, Covington; Mrs. Mary R. Paterson,

Lanaster; Prof. Giltner, Covington; Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Covington; Mrs. M. W. Bender, Louisville.

Nominations closed.

Moved that if, when the delegates arrive in Washington at the National Convention, there is a vacancy, they have the power to appoint some member of the Kentucky E R. A. present, to fill the vacancy.

Moved that the first alternate fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, etc., including the executive committee member.

The committee on incorporation reported that Judge James Tarvin offered to attend to all the business pertaining thereto.

Moved that the convention accept Judge Tarvin's offer and extend our thanks to him.

The auditing committee presented the following report:

We, the auditing committee, have carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

ALICE HARRIS WHITE,
MARY W. BENDER,
Auditing Committee.

Mrs. Drucker, of Cincinnati, was introduced and the courtesies of the floor were extended to her. She responded and spoke of the good work done by the Kentucky E. R. A.

Rev. Anna Shaw followed with a decidedly entertaining address on Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The convention was pleased at being able to celebrate both Lucy Stone's and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthdays.

The president said it was the policy of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the National President, to recommend to the States to pay their Corresponding Secretaries a salary, and maintain headquarters where possible. The Kentucky E. R. A. had followed this recommendation for some years in voting a small salary to our corresponding secretary, and asked if it was the wish of the convention to continue this policy.

It was moved that a salary of five dollars a month be paid to our corresponding secretary, as long as there are free will offerings enough.

Mrs. S. M. Hubbard moved that the plan of the National Enrollment Committee, of which Mrs. Priscilla Hackstaff is chairman,

be recommended to the attention of the locals, but the action of the locals which may adopt it shall not make it obligatory upon their individual officers or unofficial members.

Mrs. Stanton, of Cincinnati, was introduced to the convention, and the courtesies of the floor were extended to her.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, of Covington, made an appeal for free will offerings from all members, to pay the salaries of Press Superintendent, Corresponding Secretary and Lecturer.

The president explained that the dues were sufficicient for the absolutely necessary expenses of the Association. But expenses for salaries, if they were incurred, must be met by offerings from those who chose to give more than their membership dues. She emphasized the point that no one was obliged to give from loyalty to the association, since it was the distinctly pronounced policy of the association to make the giving the name and paying annual dues the sole obligation of the unofficial members.

Free will offerings:

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| Mrs. S. M. Hubbard | $30 00 |
| Mrs. Trimble | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Emma Colcamp | 50 |
| Rev. Beasley | 50 |
| Mrs E. M. Roebuck | 1 00 |
| Miss Laura Bruce | 20 00 |
| Mrs. S. C. Bennett | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Isabella Shepard | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Laura R. White | 10 00 |
| Miss Belle Bennett | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Susan Look Avery | 1 00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. George Handy | 3 00 |
| Mrs. Mary L. Ogle | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Mary Giltner | 5 00 |
| Miss Anna Morgan | 50 |
| Mrs. Stanton | 50 |
| Mrs Alice White | 1 00 |
| Mrs. M. W. Bender | 1 00 |

The whole amount which the convention voted for salaries and organizer, which is to be paid from free will offerings is $195.00.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin read Prof. John Burke's address to the convention, which he was prevented by illness from delivering.

Moved that we adopt the suggestion of the Plan of Work Committee and take no action looking toward a legislative bill on child labor at this time.

Letter was read from Mrs. Caroline Leech, Superintendent of Educational Opportunities for Women, quoting opinions of certain professors on co-education.

Dr. Louise Southgate addressed the convention advocating co-education.

Moved that the delegates to the National Convention go uninstructed as to pledging money to the N. A. W. S. A.

Report of committee on resolutions was received through the chairman, Mrs. M. W. Bender, and it was moved that the resolution of thanks be read at evening meeting.

Pleasant and encouraging remarks were made by Mrs. Alice White, Mrs. Mary Giltner, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Mrs A. C. Ellis and Dr. Southgate.

Mrs. Jennie Cleveland, committee on subscriptions to *Woman's Journal* reported about ten subscriptions.

Moved by Mrs. Emma F. Colcamp, that the cut flowers presented to the convention be sent to the Old Ladies' Home, after the evening session.

Adjourned.

## Night Sessions.

### Wednesday, eight o'clock.

The evening session was opened with music, both vocal and instrumental, by Miss Ella Kruse and Mr. Levassor, after which Judge James Tarvin in a pleasing speech introduced Rev. Anna Shaw. The subject of Miss Shaw's address was "A New Ideal in Democracy," and was most enthusiastically received. After the lecture a silver collection was taken at the door.

### Thursday Night, eight o'clock.

Delightful music again opened the evening's exercises. Judge James Tarvin spoke of the rights now enjoyed by women here which were obtained by the work of the Kentucky E. R. A., after which he again introduced Rev Anna Shaw, who spoke on "Republics." Miss Shaw delighted a large audience with many witty anecdotes. A silver collection was taken at the door.

**Meeting of Executive Committee, Friday, Nov. 13, 1903.**

It was decided that the following appropriations be made:

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| Rev. Anna Shaw's salary | $45 00 |
| Stationery for Corresponding Secretary | 5 00 |
| " " Recording " | 1 00 |
| " " Treasurer | 1 00 |
| Printing of Minutes | 18 00 |
| " Programs | 2 50 |

For the Frankfort Committee $25.00 was appropriated, and more if necessary.

Moved that the Treasurer pay the expenses of incorporation.

Moved that the Frankfort Committee be allowed discretion as to which bill be pushed most, when at the legislature.

Committee adjourned.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

# REPORTS.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1903.

RECEIPTS.

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| To Balance, Jan. 1, 1903 | | | $134 93 |
| Annual dues of Local Associations to Kentucky E. R. A. | | | |
| Arlington | 9 | $ 3 15 | |
| Ashland | 10 | 3 50 | |
| Bowling Green | 10 | 3 50 | |
| Kenton Co. Ass'n | 3 | 1 05 | |
| 20th Century | 80 | 28 00 | |
| Frankfort | 12 | 4 20 | |
| Hickman | 6 | 2 10 | |
| Lancaster | 6 | 2 10 | |
| Lexington | 101 | 35 35 | |
| Louisville | 20 | 7 00 | |
| Newport | 20 | 7 00 | |
| Richmond | 73 | 25 55 | |
| State Members | 2 | 2 00 | 124 50 |
| Total | 352 | | $259 43 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| By Chatauqua Work | $ 25 00 | |
| Press Work | 20 00 | |
| Printing Minutes | 23 50 | |
| Annual dues to National Association | 35 20 | |
| Incorporation papers, etc | 5 00 | 108 70 |
| Balance, Jan. 1, 1904 | | 150 73 |
| Total | | $259 43 |

ISABELLA H. SHEPARD,
Treasurer.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

### FAYETTE E. R. A.

Fayette E. R. A. has held three open program meetings and one business meeting. The program meetings have been enlivened by music provided by friends, not necessarily members of the Association. Short business sessions have followed the program meetings. On February 20th officers were elected. The Association united with the State Association in holding the Woman's Council during the Lexington Chatauqua. Mrs. Mary C. Roark was the efficient chairman of the Woman's Council Committee, which secured the donation of the services of the various speakers and made the local arrangements. The Fayette E. R. A. provided the refreshments for the receptions to the speakers, and made a loan of the furniture for the tent, and met other local expenses. The Woman's Club of Central Kentucky invited the Equal Rights Association and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to unite with it in a petition to the Board of Trustees of the State College, to appoint a Dean of Women, in full standing as a member of the faculty, and to establish a department of Domestic Science. The invitation was accepted. A letter embodying the petition, signed by the officers of the three associations wa sprepared and mailed to each member of the Board of Trustees, and after the passage of a few days was given to the Press. When the Trustees assembled in the city for the regular June meeting a hearing was asked and granted. Members of the E. R. A. formed a part of the committee which attended the hearing. We mourn the loss of two much loved and valuable members in the death of Mrs. Louise Morton Bewlay and Mrs. Mary Dudley Short. Twenty-four (24) new names have been added to the roll of membership. Several members take the *Woman's Journal* and other Suffrage papers.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY E. R. A.

The 20th Century Club has a membership of eighty, and the regular meetings have been held at the home of Mrs. Giltner. At one of these meetings the organization was addressed by Mr. Gunn, on the civic and financial conditions of the city. In January an open meeting was held in honor of Miss Clay, at which time several members were added. Sent Mrs. McLaughlin as delegate to the National Convention at New Orleans. A number of social meetings were held, others than members taking part. Invited the State Convention to Covington as its guest.

### ARLINGTON E. R. A.

Dues paid on nine (9) members. Principal work done has been distribution of suffrage literature. The members are loyal and true, and ready to answer any call in time of emergency. Owing to great distance from Covington, members find it impossible to attend convention, but are waiting for the wave of help and encouragement that shall go forth from this body.

### JESSAMINE E. R. A.

This organization was the result of a visit by Miss Clay to Nicholasville, and a parlor meeting in the home of Dr. Wm. Fish, on Nov. 2, 1903. Many were delighted with the able remarks of Miss Clay, and joined.

BOWLING GREEN E. R. A.

The little daughter of the President sent the report, which, to quote her literally is: "The Bowling Green E. R. A. does nothing but keep together, pay dues and distribute literature." Such work persevered in will bring a harvest of good to our State and National organizations.

CAMPBELL COUNTY E. R. A.

Has held called meetings this last year. Paid dues on twenty members and eent three delegates to the convention. Have distributed some literature, and several members take suffrage papers and then hand them to friends.

MADISON E. R, A.

Continues to grow in strength and numbers. Have distributed some literature and shall try to get some subscribers to the *Woman's Journal*. Have appointed delegates to the convention. One new feature of work has been to appoint three Press Superintendents, one lady for each Richmond paper, and they are to see that articles favorable to women are printed in these papers. Eight new members have been added. Have paid dues for seventy-one members.

FRANKFORT E. R. A.

Reports twelve paid-up members. Miss Herndon was elected delegate to the convention.

LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

Has paid dues on eighteen members. Some effort has been put forth to secure new members, and the president, Miss Alice H. White, has been active in the distribution of literature.

ASHLAND E. R. A.

This club reports all dues collected, except one. Owing to much illness other work could not be done, but the faithful officers will shepherd the flock.

HICKMAN E. R. A.

Paid dues on six members and sent delegates to the convention. Mrs. S. M. Hubbard of this club sent Miss Clay $25.00 for State work.

KENTON COUNTY E R. A.

Still keeps together and pays dues.

LANCASTER

Paid dues on six members and sent delegate to convention.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE MILLER, Cor. Sec.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

BOWLING GREEN, KY., Oct. 7, 1903.

My last report was sent off October 3, 1901, so I have the work of two years to report to you now. The first year, I regret to say, was a very disappointing one, owing to sickness, death and the loss of a servant who had been a tower of strength to me for thirteen years. There were times when I could do nothing but send out the weekly articles, and finally even this grass-hopper became a burden, and I wrote to Miss Clay begging to be relieved of the work, temporarily, at least Instead she suggested the payment of $5.00 per month with which to hire a housegirl. I gladly consented to this arrangement. In spite

of many drawbacks I have a gratifying increase in my list of papers. Instead of 38 there are now 60 papers on my list, which is one-fifth of the newspapers in the State. In revising the list I encountered the usual difficulty in getting replies from all the editors. Judging from the replies I have received from the editors, these molders of public opinion are men of broad and enlightened views on the woman question, and when it comes to the battle royal for Equal Rights the press of Kentucky will give us chivalric aid.

Here are some of the answers that gladden the heart of a press superintendent.

"I am in hearty sympathy with the movement."—Editor Winchester *Sun-Sentinel.*

"Send on your articles. It is a step in the right direction."—The *Morehead Mountaineer.*

"The *Covington Courier* will take pleasure in publishing occasional suffrage articles, also any news of interest to your organization."

"We shall be pleased to help along the E. R. A. by the publication of your articles,"—Hickman *Courier.*

"I am only too glad to give publicity at any time to any articles on this subject. I am for our noble women first, last and all the time. They should have their rights. We need more of the influence of women in our land."—The Jackson *Hustler.*

"Being a firm believer in woman's suffrage, I am glad to give space to your articles "—The Catlettsburg *Daily Press.*

"I am in sympathy with the movement. Have been for years. Send on your articles."—Greensburg *Record.*

"It has always given us pleasure to grant the ladies anything on earth they asked for, if in our power, and certainly we would not except the ballot. In fact, we doubt if it would really be any use to deny them that, if they really want it. We take pleasure, therefore, in granting your request, and will use the articles regularly if you care to furnish them."—The Princeton *Leader*

"I am an advocate of the cause of woman's suffrage, and propose to advocate it editorially."—Editor the Lexington *Gazette.*

"I am in full sympathy with your cause, but cannot see my way clear to use the proffered articles at present. Shall be glad to serve you in any way we can."—Editor the *New Era.*

Other editors, while not wholly in sympathy with the movement are fair minded enough to give us a hearing. The Glasgow *Times*, for instance, says: "We publish the article you send. We would not want to make our paper an organ of the cause you suggest, but an occasional conservative article would not be objectionable."

The Adairville *Enterprise* says: "Our paper is Democratic, but we can use an occasional article, as news matter, to help your cause along." (By and by this editor will realize that woman suffrage and democracy are the same thing.)

The most delightful answer of this character came from the Owensboro *Inquirer.* It was as follows: "The *Inquirer* would be pleased to have an occasional communication from your bureau. The *Inquirer* is not by any means

an advocate of woman suffrage, but it is quite willing to give all sides of every question a hearing. It is especially pleased to give space to matter such as that sent with this card."

Just think of it! A man who is willing to give a hearing to all sides of every question! Such a man ought to be made king, or president, or governor. He ought to be sent to the Kentucky Legislature. He is needed everywhere—the man who is not the slave of his prejudices, but who is willing to be enlightened on all sides of every question, and we may rejoice to know that many men of this type are found among the host of Kentucky editors.

Equally satisfactory were the replies I received when I made inquiries as to the number of articles that were being published in the course of a year.

The Henderson *Gleaner* said: "We have printed *all* the articles sent us." This editor, by the way, is a believer in woman suffrage.

The Dawson Springs *Oracle* said: "About one-half of your articles have been used."

The Burkesville *Herald* said: "Fully two-thirds of your articles have been used."

The Lexington *Herald* reports "more than three-fourths have been published."

Mrs. Sally Marshall Hardy, of the Louisville *Post* says: "I have *always* published the articles sent to me, and the Woman's Page is always open to articles of interest to women."

The Frankfort *Roundabout* says: "We have published nearly all the articles. Crowded columns sometimes prevent." Other editors express regret that they cannot publish all I send them.

Wherever there is an Equal Rights Association there should be a newspaper publishing suffrage matter, and the members of the Association should, whenever possible, express to the editor their appreciation of his courtesy. I have just secured a paper in Ashland and one in Hickman, after several unsuccessful efforts. I am indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Giltner, Miss Aylward and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin for getting me the Covington *Courier*.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE TWO YEARS' WORK.

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| Stamps | $22 85 |
| Envelopes | 4 65 |
| Postal Cards | 2 25 |
| Typewriting | 3 75 |
| Total | $33 50 |
| Cash on hand | 6 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. OBENCHAIN,

Supt. Press Work, Ky. E. R. A.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

To my co-workers of the Kentucky E. R. A.:

It would give me unqualified enjoyment to meet with you in annual convention and express my optimistic outlook for the final success of our cause.

A *casual* observer must discover progress—a *careful* one, if interested, becomes what I am—enthusiastic! As evidence, I cite the history of this village of Wyoming, among the hills of western New York. It contains not more than 500 souls, all told. Just three years ago a Political Equality Club was formed, with 32 members, three of whom were men. Now we have 82 "paid-up" members, 21 of whom are men. The interest of the women has been such that the monthly meetings have not been suspended during the summer, though as the community is one of farmers, the men have not attended the meetings.

I think it has become difficult to find anywhere, those who do not acknowledge the justice of woman suffrage. Its expediency only is doubted. All sufficient reply to such is Wendell Phillips', viz: "God will see to it, that what is right *shall* be expedient!"

I wish to commend to those who have not seen it "Spiritual Knowing or Bible Sunshine," by Theodore H. Seward, Funk & Wagnalls, publishers, especially the twelfth chapter, "The New Factor in Race Development" Alice Stone Blackwell's "Twelve Reasons Why Women Wish to Vote," is, I think, among our most effective literature.

Truly and earnestly,

Wyoming, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1903. SUSAN LOOK AVERY.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

* * * * In an English town a conservative member of the Board of Poor Law Guardians objected violently to the election of a lady to the Board, on the ground that women could not understand accounts. The newly elected woman soon after called attention to a bill which was presented to the Guardians for payment, charging about $25.00 for a soup tureen for the paupers. Investigation proved that for years the Board had been systematically overcharged for all the household supplies. The old gentleman who objected to a woman on the Board exclaimed testily: "How can you expect me to understand these little domestic matters." The lady answered quietly: "I do not expect you to understand them, but since you do not, is it not well that there should be somebody on the Board who does?"

Women are giving great satisfaction on school boards, library boards, prison boards, as overseers of the poor, and all the boards relating to public charities.

Respectfully submitted,

Newport, Ky. ANNA B. MORGAN.

## REPORT OF MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE N. A. W. S. A.

Kentucky sent three delegates to the National Convention at New Orleans, besides our beloved State President, Miss Laura Clay. The New Orleans *Picayune* said it was a magnificent audience that packed the Atheneum to its utmost capacity. A distinguished justice of the supreme court said, after hearing one of our national speakers, that they were the most eloquent and logical he had ever heard. This is only one of the many tributes paid to our speakers. The Kentucky delegation pledged $100.00 to the National Association.

Respectfully,

MARY E. GILTNER.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The following delegates presented credentials and were accepted:

Covington 20th Century Club=Mrs. E. B. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Aylward, Mrs. Jennie Cleveland, Mrs. Mary Ogle, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, Mrs. A. C. Ellis.

Fayette County E. R. A.—Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, Mrs. Alice L. Carpenter, Mrs. Emma Forsythe Colcamp, Mrs. S. A. Charles.

Madison County E. R. A.—Mrs. Jessie Kennedy Burnam.

Campbell County E. R. A.—Mrs. Eva Brown, Mrs. Amanda J. Stimson.

Louisville E. R. A.—Mrs. M. W. Bender, Mrs. Alice H. White.

Hickman E. R. A.—Mrs. S. M. Hubbard.

Lancaster E. R. A.—Mrs. Mary R. Paterson.

General Officers—Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Superintendents—Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Miss Anna Morgan.

Respectfully,

MRS. S. M. HUBBARD, Chairman.

## THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL.

A Woman's Council was held at the Lexington Chatauqua, at four o'clock each afternoon for nine days during the past summer. It was under the auspices of the Kentucky E. R. A. and the Fayette E. R. A. The State Association contributed $25.00 toward the expenses, which amounted to about $60.00.

The speakers very generously contributed their services, and everyone seemed glad to help make the meetings profitable.

The Chatauqua management gave us a special tent pavilion, which was artistically decorated with flags.

The Fayette Association had a beautiful tent, where numerous teas and receptions were held during the Council, and here were found piles of good suffrage literature. A fine oil portrait of Miss Clay, painted by Miss Laura S. Bruce, was loaned for our tent.

The Council was one of the most popular features of the Chatauqua, and large crowds attended and seemed greatly interested.

A special reception was given in honor of Rev. Anna Shaw. This was in charge of Mrs. W. L. Threlkeld, to whom we are indebted for a most delightful occasion. The Association also entertained in honor of Miss Tarrant, Miss Breckenridge and Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones.

The following was the program :

Child Labor ..... Miss Eleanor Tarrant

The old and new in woman's education ..... Dr. Sophronisba Breckenridge of Chicago University.

A Perilous Limitation ..... Miss Mary C. Brehm

A Better Citizenship ..... Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Frances B. Beauchamp

The Trend in Education ..... Mrs. L. W. St. Clair

Domestic Science ..... Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones

The Work of Woman's Clubs ..... Mrs. Chatterson

The Woman who Toils ..... Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Breckenridge

Respectfully,

MRS. MARY C. ROARK, Chairman.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following :

RESOLVED, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the 20th Century Club, for their many courtesies and the generous entertainment of those who so kindly opened their hearts and homes for our comfort and care; to the Trinity Episcopal Church for the use of their beautiful Guild Hall, to the Press for kindly and comprehensive notices of our proceedings; to the musicians for beautiful music rendered; to the florists for floral decorations; and to any and all who have in any way contributed to our comfort and the success of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. BENDER, Chairman.

## DUTIES OF STATE HISTORIAN.

1. She should be the Custodian of historical records of Association.

2. She should secure copies of all bills introduced into the legislaturewhich in any way concern the status of women, together with a report upon the action taken by the Legislature on the bill. If the bill is debated in the Legislature, a copy of speeches should be obtained and placed on file, together with a record of the vote.

3. She should record the various supporters, especially organizations, which have aided the passage of all such bills.

4. She should record with equal fidelity the declination of organizations to assist in supporting bills looking to the interests of women.

5. She should record any advance or retrogression made in the status of women in schools, colleges, industries, professions, or public positions.

6. She should collect books and periodicals which may appear and which have a bearing upon the subject. She should keep a scrap book of editorials and news items concerning women and women's work.

7. If required by her State Association, she should make an annual report to the State Convention.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
## OF THE
# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The undersigned associate themselves to establish a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 32, Kentucky Statutes, with the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation shall be the "KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.

The principal office of the corporation shall be located at Lexington, Ky.

ARTICLE III.

The object of the corporation shall be to advance the industrial, educational and legal rights of women, and to secure suffrage to them by appropriate State and National legislation; and to accept and receive such donations, gifts, bequests or devises as may be made to it to aid in accomplishing the objects of the corporation, and to expend same for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

There shall be no capital stock.

ARTICLE V.

The corporation is to commence on the 19th day of November, 1903, and to continue for a period of twenty-five years.

ARTICLE VI.

The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted, after their election, by the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer of the KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, these officers constituting a Board of Directors. Until these officers are elected, the signers of these articles of incorporation shall have the direction of the affairs of the organization of the corporation. These officers shall be elected by the members on the 19th day of November, 1903, and shall serve for a term of three years, and until their successors are elected. These officers shall thereafter be elected every three years at convention at such place and time as may be provided by by-laws.

ARTICLE VII.

The membership of the corporation at the time of its organization shall consist of the signers of these articles.

ARTICLE VIII.

The corporation shall incur no indebtedness.

LAURA CLAY.
NANCY SANDFORD MCLAUGHLIN.
EMMA M. ROEBUCK.
ISABELLA H. SHEPARD.
MARY E. GILTNER.
ELIZABETH AYLWARD.

COVINGTON, KY.

Minutes of the meeting of the signers of the incorporation papers, on Nov. 18, 1903.

Incorporation papers were prepared by Judge James Tarvin.

Incorporation papers were signed and acknowledged before Notary Public, Mr. W. H. McLaughlin, who attended the meeting for this purpose. The ladies asked the privilege of giving his name in as a member of the Association, to mark this occasion and he acceded and declared himself honored by their request.

The members in committee of whole drew up the By-Laws for the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Signers adjourned.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK.
Recording Secretary.

COVINGTON, KY., Nov. 19, 1903.

Moved that the By-Laws drawn up by committee be adopted as a whole.

Moved that we declare all members of the Kentucky E. R. A. members of this corporation.

Moved that all the general officers of the Kentucky E. R. A. elected at the convention on Nov. 12, 1903, be elected to be the Board of Directors of the Incorporated Kentucky Equal Rights Association. Unanimous vote.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

# BY-LAWS

OF THE

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE INCORPORATED

# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

## ARTICLE I.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The members of the Board of Directors of the corporation shall hold the same positions respectively as in the Executive Committee of the Equal Rights Association, and each shall perform the duties usual to such officer. The Treasurer shall at any time give such bond as required by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

All persons becoming members of the State Equal Rights Association shall be members of this corporation.

## ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors shall control and provide for the general interest of the corporation, of whom three (3) shall constitute a quorum when assembled, or a majority may act by correspondence in response to a circular letter addressed to every member of the Board of Directors, not less than ten days beforehand, by the President.

## ARTICLE IV.

ELECTIONS.

The Board of Directors shall be elected at an annual convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. The time and place of meeting and manner of election being regulated by the Constitution and By-Laws of that Association.

## ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any annual meeting.

# OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

President, Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington. Vice President, Miss Laura Bruce, Lexington. Secretary, Miss Laura Clay, Lexington. Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Gratz, Lexington.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB OF COVINGTON.

President, Mrs. M. E. Giltner, 1554 Madison Ave. Vice-President, Mrs. A. C. Ellis, 21 Martin St. Secretary, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, 1011 Scott St. Treasurer, Mrs. Ida M. Beck, 733 Garrard St.

ARLINGTON, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. A. T. Hocker. Secretary, Mrs. M. B. McConnell. Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Pyle.

JESSAMINE, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington, Nicholasville. Secretary, Mrs. Sam Anderson, Nicholasville. Treasurer, Mrs. Susan Waggoner.

BOWLING GREEN, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. L. C. Obenchain. Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Mitchell.

CAMPBELL COUNTY, E. R.A.

President, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, 112 W. Front St., Newport. Secretary, Miss Anna Morgan, 21 E. Fourth St., Newport. Treasurer Miss Mary E. Wood, 11 E. Seventh St., Newport.

MADISON E. R. A.

President, Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, Richmond. Secretary, Mrs. K. R. Wiggens, Richmond. Treasurer Mrs. Lucy McCann, Richmond.

FRANKFORT, E. R. A

President, Miss Hallie Herndon, Frankfort. Secretary, Miss Rebecca Averill, Frankfort. Treasurer, Miss Charlotte E. Watson.

LOUISVILLE, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. John D. White, Crescent Hill. Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Bradbury, Louisville. Treasurer, Miss Annie Miller, Louisville.

ASHLAND, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. Davis, Ashland. Secretary, Miss Laura White, Ashland.

HICKMAN, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Hickman.

PADUCAH, E. R. A.

President Mrs. Dorothy Koger, Paducah. Treasurer, Mrs. Eliza Puryear, Paducah.

KENTON, COUNTY, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. Fredk Wolcott, Covington. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

LANCASTER, E. R. A.

President, Mrs. W. O. Bradley, Lancaster. Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Walter, Lancaster. Treasurer, Mrs. Mary R. Patterson, Lancaster.

# MINUTES

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OF THE

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MRS. MARY C. ROARK.....Lexington, Ky.

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MRS. EMMA M. ROEBUCK, 112 W. Front St.....Newport, Ky.

*Treasurer.*

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*Bible Study.*

MRS. ELLEN V. GIBSON.....Richmond, Ky.

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MRS. L. C. OBENCHAIN.....Bowling Green, Ky

*National Enrollment and Petition Work.*

MRS. S. M. HUBBARD.....Hickman, Ky.

*Work Among Young People.*

MRS. JOHN BURKE..... Newport, Ky

*Advancement of Women's Work.*

MISS ANNA MORGAN.....Newport, Ky

*Political Study.*

MRS. A. M. HARRISON.....Lexington Ky.

*Literature.*

MRS. SUSAN LOOK AVERY.....Louisville, Ky.

*Educational Opportunites for Women.*

MRS. CAROLINE LEECH..... Louisville, Ky

*State Historian.*

MISS HALLIE HERNDON..... Frankfort, Ky.

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## PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE, NOV. 17th, at 9 A. M.

The President, Miss Laura Clay in the Chair.

The committee suggests the following plan of work to the convention:

That Suffrage Committees be formed, according to the plan of the N. A. W. S. A. Committee on Increase of Membership, in those parts of the State where no local Equal Rights Associations exist and cannot be formed.

That we leave the adoption of the plan of Mrs. Hackstaff, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment of the N. A. W. S. A., to the choice of each local association.

That we accept the recommendation of the Woman's Protest committee and write to our Senators and members of the Senate Committee on Territories.

That we ask that the word SEX be stricken from the suffrage clause of the Statehood bill.

That we make increase of membership our principal work for next year.

That we begin an educational campaign so as to secure a law from the next legislature for the co-guardianship, of father and mother, of minor children.

That we endeavor to have women placed on boards of all state institutions for punitive and educational purposes.

That we reaffirm our policy of last year to obtain full school suffrage for all women who can read and write the English language.

Committee arose.

## MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock by the President, Miss Laura Clay.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Moved that the printed program be made the order of business.

Col. John G. Craddock was introduced to the convention and made a few remarks.

Minutes of Executive Committee were read and accepted.

Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard was committee on Credentials, ex-officio, as state treasurer.

### REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. MISS LAURA CLAY.

"Some years ago the convention voted that the Executive committee should also be the Legislative committee. Accordingly it became the duty of the officers to look after the bills that the convention voted to have brought up in the Legislature. On January 18th Mrs. Cramer and I went to Frankfort for that purpose. We decided that it was best not to try to introduce any other bills than the one for school suffrage for all women who could read and write the English language, and the bill for the co-guardianship of father and mother of minor children. Dr. Averdick of Covington consented to bring in the co-guardianship bill, and we found also an excellent advocate for it in Hon. R. W. Miller, of Madison county. We made another trip to Frankfort on January 25th and found an advocate for our school suffrage bill in the Hon. Mr. Newman of Wood-

ford county, who heartily approved of it. In February we had a copy of the Morning Herald, containing an article on co-guardianship written by Mrs. L. C. Obenchain, laid on each desk in the House and Senate; and we also had a hearing before the House committee on the bill. But though we had both bills in excellent hands and though we made two more trips to Frankfort, one on February 25th and one on March 1st, staying some days both times, neither bill was successful. The co-guardianship bill passed its second reading in the House and was made a special order for its third reading, but the rules which control the business of the House during the last ten days of the session operated against its coming up for its third reading. We believe that it was the great amount of business before the legislature rather than any strong opposition to this measure which prevented its passage, and we were left hopeful that we might succeed in the next legislature if we can make a united effort from all the clubs in the Association to influence their representatives at home. The clubs at Lexington, Covington, Newport, Frankfort, Nicholasville, Richmond and Louisville helped with the legislative work by seeing their legislators and writing letters. The importance of such help cannot be over-estimated and I trust that every club will resolve at our next legislative season to bend their energies toward petitioning their own representatives and senators at home. We found several members of both Houses who declared themselves as believers in woman suffrage.

Besides the legislative work I have written 126 letters and have mailed 82 House and Senate hearings and 50 copies of the Minutes of 1903. I have published a Kentucky E. R, A. News Letter in November, April and October and distributed several hundred of them by mail and otherwise. Also, in April, by the instruction of the executive committee, I had published a new edition of 2000 of "What the Kentucky Equal Rights Association Has Done." This leaflet has been so popular that only a few hundred are now left. I trust our next legislative session will give us some victory which will justify us in bringing out a new and enlarged edition of it."

Voted that Miss Clay's report be accepted.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

Second Vice-President Mrs. Mary C. Cramer spoke in favor of using the enrollment cards.

Third Vice-President Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin reported having organized, with others, a new associatiou at Ludlow, Ky.

Mrs. Harriet B. Stanton of Cincinnati, Ohio, was introduced and addressed the convention.

Voted that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Mrs. Stanton.

Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Mary C. Roark reported work done at Women's Council at Lexington Chatauqua and recommended that as there is now no Lexington chatauqua, we hold a council next year at Owensboro or some other place having a Chatauqua.

Recording Secretary Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck reported having obtained many new members by circulating literature.

Treasurer Mrs. Isabella Shepard read financial report.

Voted that treasurer's report be accepted and the books placed in hands of auditing committee.

Report of Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, Executive Committee member of the N. A. W. S. A. was read and accepted.

Appointment of committees:

Finance—Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington.

Publication—Mrs. E. M. Roebuck, Newport.

Auditing—Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Richmond; Mrs. Laura Spinks, Newport.

Resolutions—Miss Margaret Merker, Louisville; Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport; Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington, Nicholasville.

Subscriptions to Suffrage Publications—Miss Hallie Herndon, Frankfort.

Courtesies—Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Voted that the plan of work recommended by the committee be considered seriatim.

Voted that we adopt the first recommendation of the committee on plan of work, and form sufirage committees according to the plan of national committee on increase of membership.

Mrs. McClellan-Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio, was introduced and addressed the convention.

Voted that the courtesies of the floor be extended to our fraternal delegate, Mrs McClellan-Brown.

Voted that we leave the adoption of the plan of Mrs. Priscilla Hackstaff, chairman of the committee on enrollment of the N. A. W. S. A., to the choice of the locals.

Voted that we postpone the consideration of the third and fourth recommendations of the plan of work committee in regard to the Statehood bill until after Miss Shaw's address.

Voted that we make increase of membership our principal work for next year.

Voted that we begin an educational campaign to secure a law for the co-guardianship of father and mother of minor children and the placing of women on the boards of all State institutions for punitive and educational purposes; and that we reaffirm our policy of last year and endeavor to obtain full school suffrage for all women of the State who can read and write the English language.

Miss Mary E. Harrison, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and delegate from the Frankfort E. R. A., was introduced to the convention.

Mrs. S. C. Bennett of Richmond, spoke to the convention in favor of obtaining as contributors those who do not care to become regular members.

Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Devotional exercises led by Miss Mary E. Harrison.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The President, Miss Laura Clay, gave her annual address. She said in part:

"The ideal of what is called "true womanliness" has changed within the last fifty or sixty years. It is difficult to realize how far the ancient ideal has been left behind, because, like a traveller over the unbroken prairie, or a voyager on the open sea, there are no fixed landmarks by which to measure the way: but if we read books intended for the formation of the mind of young women of fifty or sixty years ago, we can see that at that time women were not expected to take part in affairs not strictly within the four walls of home; and now we do know that to the intelligence of our day it is evident that all of those interests that centre in the home have connection with all that passes in the greater world outside. The health of the home is connected with the sanitation of the city and the state; thebaby's food is one of the objects of the pure food laws; in fact, there is no interest of the larger home—the state—which, the intelligence of the womanhood of the present does uot see is identical with that of the home. Those who admit that women may and should think about and influence laws and other public affairs, even though they maintain that women should seek to obtain this end without the ballot, do, after all, concede

the main contention of the suffragists, which is, that women are interested in all matters of government equally with men, and should have equal power to influence them. This main contention admitted, all the rest becomes merely a question of method; the suffragist believing in the use of the ballot and the public-spirited non-suffragist believing in the use of influence or petition. Suffragists should accentuate their points of agreement with other women, and not their points of disagreement, and ere long it will become evident that the most truly womanly method is the direct method—that of accepting as a right the established instrument of law making, the ballot—and using it as a duty to the community and the state, in efforts to better the conditions which surround the home, by bringing to bear upon them the feminine view."

The report of the Superintendent of press work was read and accepted.

Mrs. A. M. Harrison, chairman of committee on finance, made an appeal for free will offerings for the extension of the work, as the dues now are sufficient only for convention expenses, postage and stationery, and a small sum for the expenses of the committee going to Frankfort on legislative work.

The following free will offerings were made:

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| Mrs. Mary B. Clay | $ 5 00 |
| " M. E. Giltner | 5 00 |
| " S. C. Bennett | 30 00 |
| " Sarah Charles | 5 00 |
| " Laura Spinks | 5 00 |
| " M. C. Roark | 5 00 |
| " Wellington Payne | 5 00 |
| " John Reid | 5 00 |
| Miss Belle Bennett | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Harriet B. Stanton | 1 00 |
| " E. M. Roebuck | 1 00 |
| " Isabella Shepard | 1 00 |
| Total | $73 00 |

Mrs. McClellan Brown told the convention of the good work that had been accomplished by having mother's meetings once or twice a month at the public schools in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A delightful musical program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. T. D. Ballard.

Vocal selections—

Calm as the Night ..... *Bohm*

Nightingale Song ..... *Nevin*

Miss Bonta

Instrumental—

Kamennvi Ostron ..... *Rubinstein*

Miss McGarvey.

Melo-Declamation—

Roses—The Land of Happiness ..... *Tourgenief*

Miss Eva Stevenson.

Mrs. A. M. Harrison spoke on "Woman's Debt to Missions."

Miss Bertha Garrison recited a story by Mrs. L. C. Obenchain: "Sally Ann's Experiences."

Rev. Anna Shaw addressed the convention and explained the necessity for protesting against the passage of the suffrage clause of the Statehood bill.

Voted that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association protest against the passage of the Statehood bill as framed at present.

Moved that we ask to have the whole of paragraph 5 stricken from the Statehood bill. This motion was lost, because it would only remove the indignity to women of mentioning them with deficient classes, and the Association wants full suffrage. therefore it was

Voted that we ask to have the word *sex* stricken from paragraph 5 of the Statehood bill.

Convention adjourned.

**Friday Morning, Nov. 18th.**

Plan of Work committee met Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Committee decided to recommend:

That we endeavor to secure legislative enactment whereby the county judge can be empowered to establish a juvenile court.

That we continue our efforts to secure a Dean of Women and the establishment of a Department of Domestic Science in the State college.

That each local association appoint a Press Superintendent who is to communicate with the State Press Superintendent.

Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises led by Miss Clay.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Voted that we continue to make the program the order of business.

Reports were read from the following local associations:

Fayette County E. R. A.

Bowling Green E. R. A.

Campbell County E. R. A.

Frankfort E. R. A.

Louisville E. R. A.

Madison County E. R. A.

Twentieth Century Club of Covington.

Lancaster E. R. A sent dues for 4 members.

Nicholasville report given verbally by Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington, its president.

Kenton County E. R. A. verbal report by Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Letters of greeting were read from our National Treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton, from Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, formerly of Kentucky, now Press Supt. of the Minnesota E. R. A., and from Mrs Virginia Franceway, president of Madisonville E. R. A.

Report of State Historian, Miss Hallie Herndon, was read and accepted.

Mrs. Nellie Arnspiger, Recording Secretary of Kentucky W. C. T. U. was introduced to the convention.

## REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Miss Anna B. Morgan sent report on Advancement of Women's Work, which was read and accepted.

Mrs. Mary C. Roark reported that the women of Louisville were working to enforce the new compulsory education law.

Voted that we endeavor to secure a law whereby the county judge can establish a Juvenile Court.

Mrs. McClellan Brown told the convention of the successful work of the Juvenile Court of Cincinnati, O.

Voted that we continue our efforts to secure a Dean of Women and the establishment of a Department of Domestic Science in the State College.

Voted that each local Association appoint a local Press Supt. who is to communicate with the State Press Supt.

Report of Committee on Credentials was read and accepted.

Moved that we take up the Election of Officers.

Mrs. Arnspiger and Mr. Chas. McLaughlin were appointed receiving tellers.

Mrs. L. G. Patton and Miss Nannie McLaughlin were appointed distributing tellers.

The election resulted as follows;

President, Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

1st. Vice-President, Mrs. aMry B. Clay, Richmond.

2nd. Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

3rd. Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Lexington.

Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport.

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Covington.

Mrs. F. C. Beauchamp, President of the Kentucky W. C. T. U. was introduced to the convention and told in a very interesting manner of the hard work done by women all over the state against the liquor traffic.

Prof. B. C. Hagerman was introduced and spoke very encouragingly of the progress of woman's suffrage, for which the convention tendered him a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner of Covington was unanimously chosen Member of the Executive Committee of the N. A. W. S. A.

Voted that delegates and alternates to the National Convention be nominated by acclamation. The nominations wers :

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington, Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport, Mrs. M. C. Cramer, Lexington, Miss Hallie Herndon, Frankfort, Mrs. Loring, Covington, Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Richmond, Miss Elizabeth Aylward, Covington.

As we are entitled to only five delegates the nomination of Mrs. S. C. Bennett and Miss Elizabeth Aylward is conditional up-

on our having over six hundred members. They will have the position of first alternates, however.

The nominations for alternates were:

Mrs. Laura Spinks, Newport; Prof. Giltner, Covington; Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington; Mrs. B. C. Hagerman, Lexington; Mrs. J. R. Morton, Lexington; Mrs. Mary Light Ogle, Covington; Prof. B. C. Hagerman, Lexington.

Voted that the first alternate fill the first vacancy, second alternate the second vacancy, etc.

Voted that if when the delegates arrive at Portland, Oregon, there should be a vacancy, they be empowered to fill that vacancy with some member of the Kentucky E. R. A. there present.

Convention adjourned.

Convention resumed the adjourned session at 2 o'clock.

The auditing committee presented the following report:

We, the undersigned appointed by the Chair, have audited the books of the treasurer and found them correct.

MRS. SALLIE C. BENNETT.
MRS. LAURA SPINKS.

Committee on subscriptions reported four subscriptions to the Woman's Journal, and three to the Political Equality monthly series of leaflets.

The Executive committee nominated the superintendents and historian of last year, and the nomination was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the convention.

Committee on Resolutions reported.

Voted that the resolutions be adopted as amended and read.

Voted that the whole of the resolutions be read by the chairman of the committee at the evening meeting.

Convention adjourned.

### MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF WORK.

No business. Adjourned.

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The convention accepted the invitation of the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky to "An Afternoon of Old English Ballads," which was very much enjoyed. After this they were most delightfully entertained with a reception and tea.

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 19, AT 9:30 O'CLOCK.

Voted that the following appropriations be made:

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| Rev. Anna Shaw's fee for two days | $ 45 00 |
| Printing of programs | 2 50 |
| Printing of minutes | 20 00 |
| Officers' traveling expenses | 11 40 |
| Stationery for press superintendent, and typewriting | 50 00 |
| Total | $128 90 |

Voted that the treasurer keep her books open until January 1st.

Voted that the appointment of chairman of suffrage committees in localities where there is no association, may be made by the President alone.

Committee adjourned:

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary,

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING LAST YEAR.

Executive Committee had no meetings but acted on three circular letters written by the President in which the business attended to was the voting of $30.00 to Mrs. L. C. Obenchain, Press Superintendent for postage and stationery; voting to have a Woman's Council at the Chatauqua Assembly at Lexington, in conjunction with the Fayette E. R. A., and accepting the invitation of the Fayette County E. R. A. to hold the convention in Lexington.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

## Night Sessions.

### Thursday Night, Nov. 17, eight o'clock.

This evening's session was held in the Lexington Opera House. After several delightful musical selections by Saxton's Orchestra, Prof. Charles Loos opened the session with prayer. Miss Laura Clay then introduced Rev. Anna H. Shaw, the speaker of the evening. The subject of Miss Shaw's lecture was the *Fate of Republics*, and her pleasing delivery and witty anecdotes soon gave her an enthusiastic as well as a large audience. At the close of the lecture the

orchestra again rendered several selections during which some of the members of the Fayette County E. R. A. passed through the audience soliciting the names of those who wished to become members.

**Friday Night, Nov. 18, eight o'clock.**

The second evening session was held in the Circuit Court room which was crowded, many being obliged to stand in the doorways and hall. After a prayer by the Rev. R. O. Kirkwood, Miss Clay again introduced the Rev. Anna Shaw, whose subject this evening was "The Evolution of Democracy." With her logical arguments and her charming manner Miss Shaw again delighted this large audience. After the lecture several members again passed through the audience to secure the names of those wishing to become members. The number of those who gave their names as desiring to become members of the Fayette County E. R. A. at these two evening sessions was over fifty.

# REPORTS.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1904.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
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| To Balance, Jan. 1, 1904 | | | $150 73 |
| Free Will Offerings as reported | | | 93 00 |
| Donations: Miss Clay for Press Work | | $ 37 00 | |
| " " " | | 4 60 | |
| " " " Legislative work | | 9 55 | |
| " Mrs. Cramer | | 2 45 | |
| " Miss Clay, Dr. Wood's expenses | | 116 25 | 169 85 |
| Annual Local dues to State Association: | | | |
| Ashland | 11 | 3 85 | |
| Bowling Green | 10 | 3 50 | |
| Frankfort | 13 | 4 55 | |
| Hawesville | 3 | 1 05 | |
| Kenton Association | 6 | 2 10 | |
| Lancaster | 4 | 1 40 | |
| Lexington | 165 | 57 75 | |
| Louisville | 20 | 7 00 | |
| Ludlow | 7 | 2 45 | |
| Newport | 40 | 14 00 | |
| Nicholasville | 8 | 2 80 | |
| Richmond | 80 | 28 00 | |
| 20th Century Club | 90 | 31 50 | |
| | 457 | | 159 95 |
| Total | | | $573 58 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Nov. 14, 1903—Miss Shaw, lectures | | | $ 45 00 |
| Traveling expenses—Mrs. Cramer | | $ 4 90 | |
| " " Miss Clay | | 4 60 | 9 50 |
| Salary, Cor. Sec'y | | | 60 00 |
| Stationery, etc., Cor. Sec'y | | | 5 00 |
| Salary, Press Supt | | | 60 00 |
| Stationery, etc | | | 30 00 |
| Printing Programs | | | 2 25 |
| " Minutes | | | 20 00 |
| Frankfort expenses | | | 34 55 |
| Dr. Wood's expenses, state work | | | 116 25 |
| Annual dues to National Association | | | 45 70 |
| Balance, Dec. 1, 1904 | | | 145 18 |
| Total | | | $573 58 |

ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, Treasurer,
Kentucky E. R. Ass'n.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

We have now 76 papers publishing suffrage matter either regularly or occasionally, and I have begun anew the work of approaching the non-suffrage editors. No matter how many times an editor has refused our suffrage articles, he must be appealed to at least once a year.

I have done better work during the last year, and I begin to see gratifying results. For instance, a year ago the editor of one of the best papers in the state said. in reply to my annual letter of inquiry, that he hardly thought it worth while for me to send any more suffrage articles, as he published very few of them. I retained the paper on my list, telling him that even two or three articles in a paper like his were worth much to the suffrage cause. Twice in the last few weeks I have had papers from him with marked articles printed in large print and conspicuously placed with ornamental borders around them. Another who had refused twice to publish suffrage matter gave a courteous acceptance a month ago. Somehow or other he had become converted. Many editors send me their papers. Some not only publish the articles but make editorial comments on them. These comments are generally sarcastic, and by no means complimentary to the superintendent of press work, but any notice of our cause is to be welcomed. I have all sorts of papers: from the large city dailies to the little country weeklies; and I value the latter just as highly as the former. Indeed it is probable that a suffrage article in a small weekly paper is noticed by more readers than one appearing in the crowded columns of a great daily. The daily papers are carelessly read, as a rule, but the weekly papers are taken by the farmers and carefully read by every member of the family. The banner paper on my list is the *Whitley County News*, published at Williamsburg, Ky. It is not much larger than a piece of sheet music, but it publishes fifty suffrage articles a year, one every week, and its editor asked me to send the articles weekly instead of twice a month, as is my custom with the other papers.

Last year we had 60 papers, this year we have 76, but these figures do not show how many new papers have been added to the list within the past year. Occasionally a paper has to be dropped owing to a change of editors, financial failure or failure to publish our articles. The number of new papers acquired last year is 19.

An interesting feature of the work is the reply which an editor writes on self-addressed postal card I send to him, when asking him to publish suffrage matter. I have a large collection of these and they are an amusing and instructive exposition of suffrage and anti-suffrage sentiment in this state. One editor reminds me that "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world;" another says that if women attend to their home duties they will have no time for anything else; another expresses skepticism as to the final success of the suffrage movement, but says he admires our persistency; another consents to publish our articles occasionally, but says he does not want to give us too much help. The most satisfactory form of reply I have ever received was an emphatic "*yes!*" with an exclamation point after it. Just that word and nothing more, but it said plainly: "I am an enthusiastic believer in woman suffrage and will gladly publish your articles," I commend this style of answer to all editors.

I ought to have kept an account of the number of articles I have written for Mrs. Babcock, our National Superintendent, and the specials I have written for the Kentucky papers, but I can only make a rough guess and estimate the number at 18 or 20. Of late I have written so many for Mrs. Babcock that I am ashamed to send her any more for some weeks, lest she should think I am trying to "run" the National Press Work. And this leads me to mention a need of this department, namely, facilities for syndicating the articles I write without sending them to Mrs. Babcock. Frequently I write a special which ought to be sent out immediately, in order to be timely, and sent to all the newpapers in the state, all I mean that are on my list. I cannot afford to have 75 or even 35 copies made, so there is nothing to do but send it as a special to one paper, or send it to Mrs. Babcock and wait one, two or three weeks for it. A suffragist with a typewriter or a mimeographing apparatus would be a great help in this work.

Week before last I sent out 78 copies of the circular protesting against the disfranchisement of the women of Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona. At the top of each I wrote a request for an editorial comment on the threatened injustice, and also asked each editor to write one letter of protest to Senator Beveridge or some other member of the committee.

I made out my last report October 8, 1903. Following is a statement of the money spent since then :

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| Cash on hand October 8, 1903 | $ 6 00 |
| Received from Mrs. Shepard, Feb. 6, 1904 | 10 00 |
| " " July 6, 1904 | 10 00 |
| " Miss Laura Clay, Oct. 1904 | 10 00 |
| Total, | $36 00 |

This has been expended as follows :

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| Stamps | $23 95 |
| Envelopes | 2 30 |
| Type-writing | 3 00 |
| Postal Cards | 1 75 |
| | $31 00 |
| Cash on hand | 5 00 |

A list of the towns where we have suffrage papers may interest you. In some of these we have two papers and in Lexington three. The list is as follows:

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| Bowling Green | Lexington | Louisville |
| Richmond | Stanford | Frankfort |
| Paris | Barboursville | Lancaster |
| Ashland | Madisonville | Greensburg |
| Dawson Springs | Burkesville | Lawrenceburg |
| Pineville | Princeton | Morehead |
| Columbus | Maysville | Adairville |
| Owensboro | Carrollton | Glasgow |

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| Inez | Greenup | Williamsburg |
| Benton | Ewing | Fordsville |
| Morgantown | Hopkinsville | Hawesville |
| Hartford | La Grange | Cloverport |
| Henderson | Hickman | Jackson |
| West Liberty | Clinton | Bedford |
| Cynthiana | Taylorsville | Murray |
| Mayfield | Lebanon | Hyden |
| Elkton | London | Covington |
| Earlington | Falmouth | Harrodsburg |
| Winchester | Frenchburg | Midway |
| Sharpsburg | Uniontown | |

An assistant press superintendent ought to be appointed by each local association. These assistants could watch the papers, report to me whether the editor was using our articles or not, and send me newspaper clippings concerning events that have a bearing on the suffrage question.

Respectfully submitted,

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,

Supt. Press Work, Ky. E. R. A.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### FAYETTE E. R. A.

The Fayette E. R. A. has held two open program meetings and four business meetings in the past year. The program meetings have been pleasant and entertaining, arranged by friends of the association. Music, both vocal and instrumental, was given. Also good addresses at different meetings.

Reports were made by Miss Clay and Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, delegates to the National Convention at Washington.

On March 20, 1904, officers were elected. Mrs. A. M. Harrison, declined re-election as president, and Miss Laura Clay was elected president; Miss Laura S. Bruce, vice-president; Mrs. W. Payne, secretary; and Mrs. H. H. Gratz, treasurer.

On April 30th an invitation was extended to hold the Annual State Convention in Lexington on Nov. 17th and 18th. It was announced that Rev. Anna H. Shaw could be secured for the evening addresses of the convention.

The Fayette E. R. A. joined the State Association in holding a Woman's Council during the Lexington Chatauqua. Mrs. Mary C. Roark was chairman of the "Woman's Council Committee" and secured the services of various speakers and made all arrangements. The Fayette E. R. A. had charge of the refreshments for the luncheon, furnished the tent and met other local expenses.

At the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State A. & M. College a petition was presented from the Fayette E. R. A., the Bryan Station and Lexington Chapters of the D. A. R., the Woman's Club, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Chatauqua Circle, and the W. C. T. U. requesting that a Dean of Women be appointed and a department of Domestic Science be established in the college.

Twenty new members have been added during the past year.

In the deaths of Mrs. M. T. Scott and Miss Laura S. Bruce the suffrage cause has lost two loyal and devoted members.

The outlook for the Fayette E. R. A. has never been so bright and cheering at any time as now. They intend to carry their standard onward and upward, and another year will find them still stronger and broader.

MRS. W. PAYNE, Sec.

### FRANKFORT E. R. A.

The Frankfort E. R. A. has held two meetings during the past year. At the first Miss Clay gave an address upon the subject of the co-guardianship of children.

Two new members were added to the list, making 13 in all.

At the annual meeting the officers of the year were elected. All present signed the protest against the Statehood bill presented by the State Association.

In the death of W. H. Averill, Esq., we mourn the loss of a devoted member and an ardent suffragist.

### MADISON COUNTY E. R. A.

The Madison County E. R. A. has had very interesting meetings this year, the last one on October 25th was largely attended and most enthusiastic. Our state president, Miss Laura Clay, was present and addressed the meeting. She gave a synopsis of the legislative work done in the past year, and laid before us some of the plans for the coming year. She also called our attention to the Statehood bill. A resolution was passed to petition the congressional committee of the Statehood bill to eliminate the word *sex* from paragraph 5 of this bill. A committee was appointed and called on Senator James B. McCreary in reference to this bill. Some of the work done in the past year has been the distribution of literature and the adoption of a plan to permit anyone who wishes to help agitate the question of Equal Rights, but who is not entirely ready to unite with us, to have the privilege of contributing money for the cause. We call these persons "contributors," of whom we now have three.

We have lost a number of members by removal. We have added twelve new members and our membership now numbers eighty. New names are being added monthly to our list; and altogether the future looks brighter than ever before for the cause in Richmond.

### CAMPBELL COUNTY E. R. A.

Has held four meetings during the past year, all very interesting but one peculiarly so, by the presence of our state president, Miss Laura Clay. She addressed the meeting and explained to us the need for a Dean of Women and a department of Domestic Science in the State College. A committee was appointed to call on one of the trustees who resides in our city.

Several of our members wrote personal letters and sent the Memorial issued by the National Assaciation, to delegates to the National Conventions asking them to insert in their several platforms, a woman's suffrage plank.

We have circulated a petition and sent it with many signatures to Senator

Beveridge, as chairman of committee on territories, protesting against the Statehood bill, and asking for the elimination of the word *sex* from paragraph 5 of that bill.

Many of our members wrote to our Representative and Senator and some called to see them personally to obtain their influence for our bills before our last legislature.

Last, but not least, we have in this last year almost doubled our membership. This increase we attribute to the distribution of literature, particularly the little leaflet issued by the state association, "What the Kentucky E. R. A. has done in the past and what it proposes to do in the future."

We deeply regret the death of our ardent co-worker and enthusiastic member, Miss Virginia K. Bowers.

### LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

Holds occasional meetings. At the last one Dr. Frances Woods was present. The most important subject discussed was the Statehood bill and the increase of membership by personal solicitation. In the absence of the president, Mrs. John D. White, Miss Margaret Merker was selected as delegate to the state convention.

It is hoped that the protest against the Statehood bill will arouse new interest in this movement.

Louisville has twenty enrolled members.

### KENTON COUNTY E. R. A.

Has held no meetings, but sent dues. Mr. F. P. Wolcott, a member of this association, is Master of Kentucky State Grange, and it passed a woman suffrage resolution at its state convention in Cynthiana in November.

### LANCASTER E. R. A.

Sent dues for four members, and a letter from Mrs. Mary R. Patterson. The Kentucky E. R. A. Newsletters are distributed to the members by putting them in envelopes and placing them in the post office.

### BOWLING GREEN E. R. A.

Bowling Green has added no new members but has distributed much suffrage literature, and sent dues for the regular members.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.

Owing to the absence of the Secretary from the city there were few meetings this year. The interest has never flagged, however, and new names have been added at almost every meeting. We feel especially proud of the large delegation (ten) of delegates and visitors from our Club to the National Convention in Washington.

Hon. Averdick, legislative member from our district, was visited a number of times by our members in the interest of the suffrage bills.

On November 14th we organized the "Woman's Advance Club" in Ludlow with a membership of seven. The president is Mrs. Mary Jenkins; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. McCormick.

We lost by death our first president, Mrs. A. C. Ellis.

Hawesville Committee of Kentucky E. R. A., recently organized by Dr. Frances Woods, sent dues for three members and a letter from its chairman, Mrs. Martha H. Hennen.

## REPORT OF MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE N. A. W. S. A.

The 36th annual convention of N. A. W. S. A. was held in Washington, February 11th to 17th, 1904. The greeting in behalf of the District was given by Mrs. Carrie E. Kent, who said that the suffragists thought more of this convention than of any others that came to Washington. Rev. Anna Shaw said in reply: "If the women still welcome us after coming all these years, it must be because we deserve it, and the men welcome us because they are in the same disfranchised condition that we are."

Almost two hundred delegates were present and thirty-six states represented.

A greeting was read from Mrs. Florence Fenwick Miller in behalf of the suffragists of Great Britain.

Mrs. Watson Lister, fraternal delegate from Australia, told of the good work done in that country which is now leading the world in woman's suffrage. Ex-Governor Alva Adams, of Colorado, gave an address on work done in that state. It was my privilege to be with that intellectual body of women who went before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. It was one of the grandest pleas ever made for justice and right.

There were two specially delightful receptions given to the delegates, the one given by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and one given by Miss Clara Barton.

Kentucky E. R. A. was represented by the state president, Miss Laura Clay, the member of the N. A. W. S. A. Executive Committee, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, and our full number of delegates, viz.: Mrs. Mary Light Ogle, Covington, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington, and Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport. Besides these we had seven alternates and visitors in attendance, viz.: Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Miss Hereford, Prof. Wm. Giltner, Miss Elizabeth Aylward, Miss Kate Hadcroft, Miss Mary Hadcroft and Mr. Charles McLaughlin, all of Covington, making the largest delegation we have had at a National Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Giltner.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

In the past few years woman has advanced most rapidly and wonderfully. There is scarcely a trade or profession in which woman is not ably represented. One case which came under my notice was that of a woman who was an undertaker, and her work was pronounced to be the best ever seen.

The lady physician is God's handmaiden just as much as the one in the pulpit, as she heals the body as the other does the soul. Woman is man's glory, but she is God's choice, to scatter love in the home and wherever she goes. She has done grand things in many walks of life, but much greater ones are in store for her when she wakes up to her opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA B. MORGAN.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

General officers—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington ; Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond ; Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington ; Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington ; Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Lexington ; Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport; Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Covington.

Superintendents of Departments—Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington, Historian; Miss Hallie Herndon, Frankfort.

Campbell County E. R. A.—Mrs. Sarah Charles, Mrs. Laura Spinks, Miss Sarah McConnell.

Twentieth Century Club—Prof. Wm. Giltner, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, Mrs. Loring, Mr. Charles McLaughlin, Miss Nannie McLaughlin.

Louisville E. R. A.—Miss Margaret Merker.

Frankfort E. R. A.—Miss Mary E. Harrison.

Jessamine E. R. A.—Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington.

Madison County E. R. A.—Mrs. L. G. Patton, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Fayette E. R. A.—Mrs. Mary G. Morton, Mrs. W. Payne, Mrs. H. H Gratz, Mrs. E. P. Shelby, Mrs. Nellie Arnspiger, Mrs. Elizabeth Lehman, Mrs. T. B. Hay, Mrs. Alice L. Carpenter, Mrs. T. D. Ballard, Mrs. C. D. Chenault, Mrs. Wickliffe Preston, Mrs. S. A. Charles.

Fraternal Delegates from Cincinnati, O.: Mrs. Harriet B. Stanton and Mrs. McClellan Brown.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following :

RESOLVED, That this Association objects to the word *sex* in paragraph 5 of the Statehood bill, which gives the same validity to the disfranchisement of women as to that of criminals.

RESOLVED, That this Association heartily endorses every effort to secure a Dean of Women for the state college, and to place in said college a department of Domestic Science.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the association be extended to the Lexington Press, to the members of the Fayette County E. R. A., who have so kindly offered a gracious hospitality to visitors, to the ladies who contributed such a charming musical program, to the Women's Club for its delightful entertainment, and to all who have in any way furthered the interests of the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET MERKER, Louisville, chairman.
SARAH CHARLES, Newport.
SARAH CORRINGTON, Nicholasville.

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S COUNCIL.

The Kentucky E R. A. received a very complimentary invitation from Dr. W. C. Davidson, superintendent of the Lexington Chatauqua Assembly, to hold another Woman's Council.

The invitation was accepted. and again the Fayette E. R. A. assisted the state association, and took under its charge the local arrangements and hospitalities. Speakers were secured to carry out an interesting and instructive program for each day, embracing a wide view of the public interests in which women are now engaged. The subjects and speakers were as follows :—

Benefits of Domestic Science.....Miss Katherine Christian
Is the Child at School?.....Miss Eleanor Tarrant, of Louisville
Woman's Work in Missions.....Miss Sue B. Scott
Who Owns the Child?.....Miss Laura Clay

The Fourth of July meeting was of a patriotic nature, conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution; addresses by Miss Lucretia Hart Clay, Vice-President General of the National D. A. R. and Mrs. Wm. Maxfield, Regent of the Lexington Chapter.

A Better Citizenship.....Mrs. A. M. Harrison
The Trend of Woman's Clubs.....Mrs. J. R. Morton
Mrs. Wilber R. Smith
Mrs. Wilhelmina Loos
A Plea for the Bible in our Schools.....Mrs. Luella W. St. Clair
Educational Work in the Mountains of Kentucky.....Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp

An afternoon reception was one of the social features of the Chatauqua. A number of new members was a pleasant result of our second Woman's Council, which was conceded on all sides to have been again one of the most interesting features of the Chatauqua.

The success of the Woman's Council was largely due to the able management of Mrs. Mary C. Roark, chairman of the Woman's Council Committee.

## REPORT OF DR. WOODS' ORGANIZING TOUR.

At the convention of 1903 it was voted to employ Dr. Frances Woods in the spring for a month's work in organizing. When the time drew near, however, Dr. Woods' health did not permit her to go into the field; and the National Association had no other organizer unoccupied to offer in her place. It was therefore very gratifying when in October Dr. Woods notified the National Board that her health was recovered sufficiently for her to take up the work she had been expected to do in the spring. Accordingly an engagement approved by the Executive Committee was made with her by Miss Clay to work in Kentucky a month, from the middle of October to the middle of November. She commenced her route at Paducah on October 17th, and visited Princeton, Hopkinsville, Madisonville, Henderson. Owensboro and Hawesville. At Hawesville she was taken ill, and was obliged to go to the Norton Infirmary at Louisville, where she remained sick a week. This sickness interrupted the route which had been planned, and also made her stay in Kentucky a week later in the season than was expected. While she was in Louisville, Miss Annie Miller and Miss Margaret Merker arranged some meetings for her, and she strengthened our Association in the city, though the absence of its president, Mrs. Alice H. White, was unpropitious. Dr. Woods occupied the remainder of her time by visiting Elizabethtown, Glasgow and Cave City. In most of the places she visited she organized associations or Committees; in others she obtained valuable names of suffragists through whose aid it is hoped the work can be furthered at some future time.

ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMITTEES OF KENTUCKY E. R. A., ORGANIZED BY DR. WOODS.

Paducah E. R. A. re-organized, President, Mrs. John G. Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Jr.

Princeton. Committee of Ky. E. R. A. Organized.
Chairman, Mrs. John Templeman.

Madisonville E. R. A. organized with fifteen members.
President, Mrs. Virginia Franceway.
Vice-President, Mrs. H. H. Holeman.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. Bailey.

Henderson Committee of Ky. E. R. A. organized.
Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Locket.

Hawesville Committee of Ky. E. R. A. organized.
Chairman, Mrs. Martha H. Hennen.

Cave City Committee of Ky. E. R. A. organized.
Chairman, Mrs. Lizzie Tucker.

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### PLAN OF WORK COMMMITTEE, Met Nov. 21, at 9 o'clock.

The Committee decided to recommend to the convention the following plan of work:

That we endeavor to obtain school suffrage for all women of the state, who can read and write the English language.

That we continue our efforts to obtain for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children.

That we endeavor to have women appointed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

That we continue our efforts to have a Dean of Women at the state college.

That we continue to make increase of membership our principle work for next year.

That the Executive Committee be empowered to employ a Field Secretary.

### MORNING SESSION.

Convention opened at ten o'clock with Scriptural reading and prayer by the state president, Miss Laura Clay.

Voted that the program be made the order of business.

The chair appointed the following committees:

Credentials—Mrs. Alice Carpenter, Lexington; Mrs. Mary Light Ogle, Covington.

Finance—Mrs. Isabel Shepard, Covington; Mrs. Mary Spencer, Covington.

Publications—Mrs. Emma Roebuck, Newport; Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hannah Spring, Newport; Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, Lexington; Prof. Wm. Giltner, Covington.

Courtesies—Mrs. S. T. Bagly, Ashland; Mrs A. L. Eba, Cleveland.

Auditing—Miss Laura White, Ashland; Mrs. Mary Giltner, Ashland.

Report of Committee on Credentials read and accepted.

### Report of General Officers.

President, Miss Laura Clay thanked the members of the convention of 1905 for the resolution approving of her remaining in Oregon and assisting in their campaign.

Voted that the convention as a body tender Miss Clay a vote of thanks for work done in Oregon.

1st Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, told of work done at the last legislature.

Moved that the privilege of the floor be extended to all members of the Ashland Equal Rights Association and of any neighboring association, there present.

Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution, Miss Laura Clay, chairman.

Moved by Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard and seconded by Mrs. S. T. Bagly that the Treasurer be required to give bond. After discussion this motion was withdrawn.

Voted that the fiscal year terminate January 1st.

Voted that the report of the Revision Committee be accepted.

Voted that when the new state constitution is published, there be also published a proposed constitution for local association.

Voted that the Committee on Publications be empowered to make any verbal changes necessary.

Convention adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock with Scriptural reading by the President and prayer by Mrs. T. H. Bullington, Ashland.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Mrs. A. M. Glenn welcomed the convention on behalf of the Ashland Equal Rights Association.

Mrs. T. H. Bullington gave an address of welcome from the local W. C. T. U

President, Miss Laura Clay, responded to the addresses of welcome and then gave her annual address.

The convention enjoyed a very pleasing recitation by Mrs. Robert Dicken of Ashland.

Mrs. Desha Breckenridge held the attention of the convention with a very interesting talk on school suffrage for women.

General discussion of school suffrage.

Voted that the chairman appoint a committee to promote interest in school suffrage for Kentucky women.

Voted that the suggestions of the Plan of Work Committee be cosidered seriatim.

Voted that we continue our effort to secure for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children.

Voted that we endeavor to have women appointed on the boards of all punitive, educational and charitable institutions.

Voted that we continue our efforts to secure a Dean of Women for the state college.

Voted that we make increase of membership our principal work for next year.

Voted to accept the recommendation, that the Executive Committee be empowered to employ a Field Secretary.

Adjourned.

## THURSDAY MORNING, Nov. 22.

Plan of Work Committee met at 9 o'clock. Committee suggests the following:

That we resolve to keep the expenses of the Ky. E. R. A. within $125.00, not including the free will offerings.

That the Press Superintendent be paid a salary of $60.00, provided there are sufficient free will offerings.

Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock. Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

President appointed on the School Suffrage Committee: Mrs. Desha Breckenridge of Lexington; Miss Laura White, Ashland; Mrs. John Little, Louisville.



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Moved that Miss Laura Clay, Lexington, and Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond, be added to the committee.

Voted that the expenses of the Ky. E. R. A. be kept within $125.00, not including the free will offerings

Voted that the Press Superintendent be paid a salary of $60.00, provided there are sufficient free will offerings.

## Reports of Local Associations.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alice D. Carpenter, read reports from Fayette County E. R. A., Cambell County E. R. A., a letter from Mrs. Martha Hennen of the Hawesville E. R. A., also one from Mrs. Avery of Frankfort E. R. A.

Mrs. Bagly read report of the Ashland E. R. A.

Mrs. Agnes L. Eifert told the convention how the Ashtand E. R. A. secured the celebration of Peace Day by the public schools of Ashland.

Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard reported from Kenton Co. E. R. A.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin gave a verbal report from the 20th Century Club of Covington.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay read report of Madison County E. R. A.

The report of Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard was read and books placed in the hands of the auditing committee.

The convention then proceeded with the election of officers.

Voted that the Chair appoint Tellers.

Tellers appointed were: Mrs. Alice Bronston Oldham and Mrs. Drue Thomas.

The election resulted as follows:

President Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

1st Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

2nd Vice President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Voted that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, regretting her illness and consequent absence from the convention.

3rd Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin Covington.

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond.

Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport.

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard, Covington.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Executive Committee met at 1.30 o'clock and decided to recommend:

The nomination of Mrs. Mary Light Ogle as Historian and of Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain for Press Superindent.

Voted that the Executive Committee waive their privilege to select the place of the next annual meeting and submit the vote to the convention.

Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 2 o'clock. Scriptural reading by the President; prayer by Mrs. A. E. Colgrove.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Chair declared that nominations for delegates to the National Convention were then in order.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner was nominated and elected member of the National Ex. Committee.

Delegates nominated were:

Miss Laura White.....Ashland
Mrs. Mary L. Ogle.....Covington
Mrs. Sarah Charles.....Newport
Mrs. Mary B. Clay.....Richmond
Miss Sophronisba Breckenridge.....Lexington
Mrs. Isabell H. Shepard.....Covington
Mrs Agnes L. Eifert.....Ashland
Mrs. Mary Spencer.....Covington
Mrs. S. N. McLaugllin.....Covington
Mrs. Alice B. Oldham.....Lexington

Delegates elected:

Miss Laura White.....Ashland
Mrs. Mary L. Ogle.....Covington
Mrs. Sarah Charles.....Newport
Mrs. Mary B. Clay.....Richmond
Mrs. Sophronisba Breckenridge.....Lexington
Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard.....Covington

Voted that the remainder of those nominated as delegates go as alternates.

Alternates elected were:

Mrs. Agnes L. Eifert.....Ashland
Mrs. May Spencer.....Covington
Mrs N. S. McLaughlin.....Covington

Mrs. Alice B. Oldham.....Lexington
Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck .....Newport
Mrs. Alice B. Carpenter.....Lexington

Voted that the 1st alternate fill the first vacancy, the 2nd alternate the second vacancy, etc.

Voted that if, when the delegates arrive in Chicago, there is a vacancy, they be empowered to fill that vacancy with some member of the Ky. E. R. A. there present

Rev. Anna Shaw, our National President, announced to the convention that the people of Chicago will entertain all delegates to the National convention.

Voted that Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain be elected Press Superintendent for the following year.

Voted that Mrs. Mary Light Ogle be elected State Historian.

The convention received two invitations for the annual meeting next year. One from the Madisonville E. R. A. and one from the Madison County E. R A.

Voted that we accept the invitation of the Madisonville E. R. A.

Report of the Auditing Committee read and accepted.

Report of Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, member of the National Ex. Committee was read and accepted.

Rev. Anna Shaw told the oonvention of the brilliant celebration of College Night at the National Convention at Baltimore, which was arranged by President M. Thomas of Bryn Mawr College.

Report of the Frankfort or Legislative Committee read by Mrs. Mary B. Clay and accepted.

Report of Press Superintendent, Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain read and accepted.

Report of Superintendent among Young People, Miss Anna B. Morgan, read and accepted.

Mrs. Mary Spencer of Covington made an appeal for Free Will offerings.

The Free Will offerings were:

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| Miss Belle Bennet | $ 5 00 |
| Mrs Sarah Bennett | 30 00 |
| " Mary B. Clay | 10 00 |
| " Mary E Giltner | 5 00 |
| " Desha Breckenridge | 5 00 |
| Fayette Co. E R. A | 5 00 |

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| Campbell Co. E R. A | 10 00 |
| 20th Century of Covington | 5 00 |
| Mrs Alice D. Carpenter | 1 00 |
| " Alice B. Oldham | 1 00 |
| " Mary Spencer | 1 00 |
| " N. S. McLaughlin | 1 00 |
| Ashland E. R. A | 2 00 |
| Miss Laura White | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Lawrence | 50 |
| Total | $82 50 |

The convention enjoyed a very pleasing recitation by Mrs. Lydia Sersian

General discussion of the recommendation of the National Ex. Committee on Presidential Suffrage.

Leaflets on Church work were then distributed

Rev. Anna Shaw delivered an address to the convention on Peace and Arbitration.

Mrs. Margaret Sommers entertained the convention with a very amusing recitation.

An interesting paper on Child Labor, written by Mrs. A. M. Harrison and read by Mrs. Alice B. Oldham, aroused general discussion of the subject.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and accepted.

Voted that the resolutions be read at the close of this evening's entertainment.

Voted that we approve of the acceptance by the National association of the badge shown.

Convention adjourned.

Executive Committee met immediately after the convention an made the following appropriations:

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| Officers traveling expenses | $38 25 |
| Rev. Anna Shaw's salary | 58 00 |
| Printing Programs | 2 50 |
| Printing of Minutes | 25 00 |
| Postage for Rec. Secretary | 2 00 |
| Postage for Cor. Secretary | 2 00 |
| Postage and Stationery for Press. Sup t | 25 00 |
| Salary of Press Sup't | 50 00 |

Commitee rose. EMMA M. ROEBUCK, Rec. Secretary.

## EVENING SESSION, Wednesday Eve., Nov. 21, 1906.

The evening session was opened with a prayer by Rev. Wm. Dunn Ryan, this was followed by music, under the direction of Mrs. F. B. Poteet.

Judge W. J. Hampton gave an address of welcome in behalf of the city, which was full of good will and hospitality.

Mrs. John McElmurray read an address of welcome from the Kings' Daughters.

Rev. Anna Shaw then gave the address of the evening, which was a great treat, particularly so, as many of the Ashland people had never heard her before. Her sound arguments. interspersed with keen wit, kept her audience amused and entertained, while she instructed them.

After the lecture, members of the Ky. E. R. A., solicited names for membership in the Ashland association.

## Thursday Eve., Nov. 22nd.

Rev. J. I. Wean opened this evening session with an invocation.

Mrs. W. A. Manning delighted the audience with a beautiful vocal solo and Prof. J. G. Crabbe followed with an encouraging address to the members of the Ky. E. R. A.

Rev. Anna Shaw delivered her most popular lecture, "The Fate of Republics." The audience was intensely interested and at the close one old gentleman, sitting away up in front, became very enthusiastic and striking his knee with his fist, remarked: "True, true, every word of it."

EMMA M. ROEBUCK, Rec. Sec.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF KENTUCKY E. R. ASSOCIATION JANUARY 1, 1906—JANUARY 2, 1907

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| To Balance, January 1, 1906 | | | $136 63 |
| Free Will Offerings—1906—Mrs. Giltner | $ 5 00 | | |
| Miss Clay | 10 00 | | |
| Fayette Co. Ass'n | 10 00 | | |
| Newport Ass'n | 10 00 | | |
| Madison Co. | 10 00 | | |
| Miss Rugg | 1 00 | | |
| Dr. Roebuck | 1 00 | | |
| Miss Smith | 1 00 | | |
| Dr. Southgate | 1 00 | | |
| Mrs. Shepard | 1 00 | | |
| | | | 50 00 |
| Free Will Offerings—1907—Mrs. Bennett | $30 00 | | |
| Miss B. Bennett | 5 00 | | |
| Mrs. Eifert | 1 00 | | |
| Ashland E. R. Ass'n | 2 00 | | |

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| Miss White | 1 00 | | |
| Miss Lawrence | 50 | | |
| Mrs. Spencer | 1 00 | | |
| Mrs. Breckenridge | 5 00 | | |
| Mrs. Carpenter | 1 00 | | |
| Mrs. McLaughlin | 1 00 | | |
| Mrs. Shepard | 1 00 | | |
| Miss L. Clay | 10 00 | | |
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| Donations— | | | |
| Jan. 1, 1906—Dec. 31, 1906—Mrs. M. B. Clay | $4 60 | | |
| Miss L. Clay | 7 00 | | |
| Frankfort E.R.Ass'n | 75 | | |
| Hickman " | 25 | | |
| Bowling Green " | 20 | | |
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| Frankfort Committee returned | | | 8 00 |
| Miss Clay paid for Programs | | | 2 50 |
| Annual Dues from | | | |
| Local E. R. Associations—Ashland (31) | $10 85 | | |
| Bowling Green (8) | 2 80 | | |
| Frankfort (5) | 1 75 | | |
| Hawesville (4) | 1 40 | | |
| Kenton Co (4) | 1 40 | | |
| Lexington (130) | 45 50 | | |
| Newport (60) | 21 00 | | |
| Richmond (69) | 24 15 | | |
| 20th Century (86) | 30 10 | | |
| Hickman (5) | 1 75 | | |
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| Total | | | $414 13 |

BY FOLLOWING DISBURSEMENTS

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| Frankfort Committee | | | $ 25 00 |
| Printing Minutes | | | 20 00 |
| Postage—Secretary (1906) | | | 2 00 |
| Press Work | | | 45 00 |
| Salary (Free Will Offerings) Supt. Press Work | | | 60 00 |
| Miss Shaw—Lecture at Ashland | $45 00 | | |
| One half Traveling Expenses | 13 00 | | |
| | | | 58 00 |
| Traveling Expenses of Officers—Miss Clay | $7 00 | | |
| Mrs. M. B. Clay | 7 60 | | |
| Mrs. Carpenter | 7 00 | | |
| Mrs. McLaughlin | 5 55 | | |
| Mrs. Roebuck | 5 55 | | |
| Mrs. Shepard | 5 55 | | |
| | | | 38 25 |
| Postage—Secretary | | | 2 00 |
| Printing Programs | | | 2 50 |
| Annual Dues of Kentucky E. R. Ass'n to National Ass'n | | | 40 20 |
| | | | 292 95 |
| Balance January 2, 1907 | | | 121 18 |
| Total | | | $414 13 |

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

I think no one can read the newspaper of this state without realizing that public sentiment is everywhere moving in the direction of "Equal Rights for All; Special Privileges for None." The resolutions adopted by the Kentucky Grange at its recent meeting in Lexington are a striking proof of this, and yet more striking is an editorial utterance of the Courier Journal, within the last month, recommending that the sphere of woman's influence be extended in order that she may have some supervision over our factories, our public schools, our insane asylums, and all other charitable and eleemosynary institutions--just what the Ky. E. R. A. has been striving for these many years.

I have now one hundred papers on my list. One third of these are edited by men who are in favor of Equal Rights or who are willing to hear both sides of a question, and gladly give place to our literature. From the other two thirds I have courteous promises to print an occasional article, but having no local press workers in the towns where these papers are published, I cannot tell whether their promises are always kept.

Last spring one of my editors wrote to me for information concerning the representative women of America. A young lady friend of his wanted the information for her commencement essay. I sent biographical sketches of Lucy Stone, Miss Anthony and other leaders of the suffrage cause, and I think one Kentucky girl must have had a good strong-minded essay.

Whenever a paper prints our articles with any regularity, I am pretty sure to hear from the opposition and this year I have had three nice little controversies in the Winchester *Sun-Sentinel*, the *Hart County News*, and the *Pikeville Republican*. I have kept no record of the special articles I have written, but I can recall from memory twelve, besides the articles written for the National Bureau. I also send to the National Press Department all items of Kentucky news, that have a bearing on suffrage.

Last winter, when our Co-Guardianship Bill was pending in the legislature I wrote to four editors asking them to say a word editorially in behalf of the bill and send a copy of the paper to their representatives. They did this, and whenever we are working for the passage of a measure, I believe the help of the press should be relied on and called out in this way.

The financial report is as follows:

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| Cash on hand at the close of last year | $15 00 |
| From Mrs. Shepard, May 1906 | 10 00 |
| ,, ,, ,, July 1906 | 5 00 |
| ,, ,, ,, September 1906 | 10 00 |
| Total | $40 00 |
| Expended for Stamps | $25 00 |
| ,, for Printing | 1 50 |
| ,, for Envelopes | 10 00 |
| ,, for Postal cards | 3 50 |
| Total | $40 00 |

Respectfully submitted, L. C. OBENCHAIN,
Supt. Press Work, Ky. E. R. A.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK

Woman's work continues to advance in all walks of life. An Ohio woman, Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, has achieved honorable distinction in the District of Columbia, by receiving the unanimous appointment as a member of the Board of Education from the justices of the District Supreme Court.

After 157 years the University of Pennsylvania has finally placed women on the same standing as men,

Mrs. Workman with her husband Dr. Workman, has gained fame as a mountain climber. They climbed Nun Kun, one of the secondary peaks of the Himalayas, reaching an altitude 23,000 feet.

These are but a few of the many ways in which women are excelling.

Respectfully submitted, ANNA B. MORGAN.

## REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF N. A. W. S. A.

The 38th Annual Convention of the National Womans Sufferage Association convened in Baltimore, February 3rd, 1906, in the Lyric Theatre. The first meeting was held by the Executive Committee at 9 A. M., and at 11 o'clock a council of State presidents. Mrs. Harriet Upton Taylor presiding.

The afternoon session was presided over by our National president Rev. Anna H. Shaw and Mrs. Emma Maddux Funk, president of the Maryland Suffrage Association, and who made the address of welcome. The response was followed by Dr. Annie Jeffreys of Portland, Oregon.

The reports of the corresponding secretary, Miss Kate M. Gordon, and of the headquarters secretary Miss Kate M. Hauser, so the preliminary business of the Convention was dispached.

Then came the Governor of Maryland, Edwin Warfield with Mrs. Julia Ward Howe leaning on his arm, an enthusiastic applause broke from the large audience. Next came our beloved President Anna H. Shaw, and the world renowed Miss Clara Barton, the applause became tumultuous as each distinguished person was seated. But when our beloved and greatest of all women, dear Susan B. Anthony was reported in the city, and very ill, a gloom was cast over the entire convention. During the evening many were the tributes paid to the absent leader.

The response to the greetings were to have been made by dear Miss Anthony, and in speaking of her absence Dr. Shaw said "no one can take her place, for in all the world there is only one Miss Anthony, one Mrs. Howe and one Miss Barton." Miss Barton was introduced and was greeted with enthusiastic applause; her voice was very weak as was also Mrs. Howe's who followed, there was almost an intense silence to hear their feeble voices. Mrs. Howe said, "I am not going to preach, but give you a text: 'What came you into the wilderness to see,' not to see a reed shaken by the wind, but as the people who went to see John the Baptist you came to see the prophets. There are great changes from the past to the present. Mrs. Livermore, Lucy Stone and myself were held up as three old crows on a placard in a small town years ago. Mrs. Howe exhorted her hearers to follow straight on to the end; it will be a sweet one, not a bitter one, she said, and I hope it will come before I am gone."

In the afternoon addresses were made by many of the ladies of Maryland and by many others of different societies, who favor our cause and are doing a grand work.

Dr. Shaw said that through organizations women have come to understand each other better, and that "whether we are progressive or conservative we are working according to our rights for the greatest good of humanity. I might quote from many others, but time forbids." The meeting closed by prayer by Rev. Guillmee.

In the morning were reports of Standing Committees. The most interesting report in the afternoon was made by Mrs. Florence Kelly on the industrial problems effecting women and children throughout the country, and very little had been done by this feeble method in Maryland.

Mrs. Ella Steward made an address on "Tame Falacies," "Our Privileges," which caused much merriment by her allusions to some arguments brought against woman suffragists, that it would ruin her complection, etc.

Mrs. Craigie gave an interesting report of the liquor traffic which is arrayed against the cause. Mrs. Babcock, Chairman of Press Committee reported, never before had there been such a demand for advance matters relative to our conventions as this year.

Miss Jane Adams of Hull House, Chicago; made a very interesting argument, bringing forth the reasons why women should vote, reviewing the history of women since she was compelled to go in factories.

The evening session was devoted to the consideration of women in history, women in politics etc.

The peace and arbitration was taken up. Mrs. Meade said it was the greatest question of all and the greatest problem of the day. The election of officers comes next and this means nearing the close; I will not give the names as they are familiar to you all.

TRIBUTE TO BALTIMORE —

We shall return to our homes from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, from Canada to the Gulf, with many happy and affectionate recollections of Baltimore and its hospitable people. Miss Shaw gave of her many brilliant speeches interspersed with humorous anecdotes, such as she can only give. Thus closed the Thirty Eighth Annual Convention of the N. A. W. S. A.

Respectfully submitted, MARY E. GILTNER.

The celebration of Miss Anthony's birthday in Washington, D. C., was said to be a brilliant affair, it was her eighty sixth anniversary, many prominent persons spoke on this occasion and beautiful souvenir programms, containing Miss Anthony's picture, together with a facsimile of her handwriting was presented to every one. Rev. Anna Shaw presiding. Many letters of congratulation were read from our President and other distinguished men of our Nation.

This last birthday will remain long in the memory of those present.

## REPORT OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### FAYETTE COUNTY E. R. A.

The Fayette E. R. A. has held three meetings during the past year. The roll call at the first meeting showed a membership of

alsmost two hundred. Among the encouraging indications of public opinion is the attitude of the press towards woman's suffrage.

At the second meeting delegates to the State Convention at Ashland were elected. Program meetings were discussed and arranged for the coming year.

On November 16th a memorial meeting was held to Miss Susan B. Anthony. Miss Laura Clay presided and spoke feelingly upon the life and character of this great leader of the suffrage work. Other members spoke briefly on the same subject.

Several new members had been added at these meetings.

We desire to thank most cordially our two daily papers, the ,,Herald" and the "Leader" for their kind interest and assistance.

MRS. WELLINGTON PAYNE, Secretary.

MADISON CO. E. R. A.

Madam President and Ladies : —

Only a few days after our return from our delightful meeting at Newport, we were called together to hold memorial services for our departed friend and co-laborer, Miss Anthony. Her loss was indeed a bitter loss to the whole land.

The Sewerage Bond Bill, as it was known in our town, was submitted to the vote of the people. Our association met and appointed Mr. D. Parrish to investigate the matter and see if the council could not give the women the privelege of voting on this bill. He did so, but found council was not vested with such power. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Parrish. Many of our men approved and were in hopes, this privilege could be granted us. We have had many new members and we hope our locals throughout the state will hold meetings and take an interest in every public issue in their town. Best wishes for a successful meeting.

Yours Respectfully MRS. K. S. WIGGINS, Sec.

ASHLAND E. R. A.

The Ashland E. R. A. has had a year of good work. Had seven well attended meeting. There seems to be an awakening responsiveness in the members and a good foundation for the work has been laid.

One of our members attended the Baltimore convention and came home full of enthusiasm. Our association was instrumental in having Peace Day observed in the public schools.

Our memorial meeting on the death of Miss Anthony was especially interesting.

Our appeal to our representatives in favor of the co-guardianship Bill was well received. We sent $10.00 to the Oregon Fund.

We have taken the Woman's Journal and "Progress."

We trust our local ranks may be increased by the work of this convention and we feel that it is good to have you with us.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) W. H. Bagley, Pres.
(Mrs.) A. M. Glenn, Sec.

CAMPBELL CO E. R. A.

The Campbell Co. E. R. A. has held eight meetings this past year, one of which was a memorial in honor of the late Miss Susan B. Anthony. Many strangers and friends outside of the association attended this meeting.

Many of our members wrote to the representatives from this district in the legislature, urging them to support our bills.

We have distributed literature and asked for new members whenever possible.

Some of our members wrote to the candidates for Congress, asking if they were in favor of a 16th amendment to the constitution of the United States, allowing women to vote.

We continue adding new members, and have lost one by death and others by removal. Our membership is now 75 and we are sending six delegates to the state convention at Ashland and sent one representative to the National convention at Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. A. J. Stimson, Sec.

BOWLING GREEN, E. R. A.

Absolutely no work has been done except distribution of suffrage literature among the teachers of the public schools. They are very much interested and every paper sent is passed from hand to hand until every teacher has read it. They are anxious to have women on the schoolboard and the question of school suffrage for women interests them. Many of them knew nothing of the work of the E. R. A. in behalf of school suffrage and the leaflets sent were a revelation.

L. C. Obenchain, Sec.

HICKMAN, E. R. A.

Mrs. Hubbard writes that they have held some meetings, but have done no other work. Sent dues for five members,

Many of the local associations sent dues, but no reports of work done.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee of the Ky. Equal Rights Association respectfully reports as follows:

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| Balance | $136 63 |
| Pledges | 53 00 |
| Dues received | 123 00 |
| | $312 83 |
| Disbursed | 134 50 |
| Balance for 1906 | 178 33 |
| Pledges for 1907 | 35 00 |
| Total in Treasury | $213 33 |

LAURA R. WHITE, Chairman,
MARY E. GILTNER.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following:

Whereas, The House Joint Resolution 86 (now before the judiciary committee of Congress) which provides for the submitting to state legislatures an amendment to the constitution of the United States, giving women the right to vote, Therefore:

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. A. urges upon the members of the judiciary committee, the duty of making a favorable report on joint resolution 86.

Resolved, That this convention request the delegates to use every opportunity to induce other organizations to send to President Roosevelt and members of the judiciary committee, resolutions and personal letters urging the passage of joint resolution 86.

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. H. offer thanks to Secretery Bonaparte for the stand he has taken as to fair play towards women in civil service positions.

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. A. thank the Ky. State Grange for the resolutions adopted at their state meeting indorsing full suffrage for women.

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. A. thank the members of the last legislature for the passage of the bill raising the age of consent from 12 to 16 years.

Whereas, The Ky. E. R. A. believing it would be for the betterment of the moral and educational interest of the people, that the women have a voice in the government of the state, therefore be it

Resolved. That we ask the legislature of Kentucky at its next session to provide for the submission to the voters an amendment to the constitution, granting, with an educational qualification, full suffrage to women.

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be tendered to Judge William Hampton, Prof. J. C. Croake, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the King's Daughters for their words of kindly greeting and cordial welcome. Our thanks are especially due to Ashland E. R. A. for their generous hospitality and courteous entertainment and to all who so graciously contributed in any way to our pleasure and enjoyment.

Resolved, That this convention, as a body, express its deep regrets at the loss of our great leader, Miss Susan B. Anthony, who for so many years stood in the front for justice, right and liberty to all womankind.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH L. SPRINGS,
MADELEINE McD. BRECKENRIDGE,
W. S. GILTNER.

# Constitution and By-Laws

OF THE

# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## MOTTO

"If ye abide in my word, ye shall know the truth, and the trutth shall make you free."

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This Association shall be known as "THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION," auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

### ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to advance the industrial, educational and legal rights of women, and to secure suffrage to them by appropriate State and National legislation.

### ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Any local organization may become auxiliary to the State Equal Rights Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. Any person may become a member of this Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. No distinction on account of sex shall be made in membership or eligibility to office in this Association.

### ARTICLE IV—FINANCE.

Each local association shall pay annually to the State Treasurer, the amount of thirty-five cents per member of each auxiliary; ten cents of which shall go to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association. Each member of the State Equal Rights Association, not a member of an auxiliary local association, shall pay annually to the State Treasurer the amount of one dollar.

### ARTICLE V—GENERAL OFFICERS.

The General Officers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. These General Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for and control the general interest of the work, of whom three shall constitute a quorum when assembled, or a majority may act by correspondence in response to a circular letter addressed to every member of the Executive Committee, not less than ten days before hand, by the President.

### ARTICLE VI—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, the State Superintendent of Press Work, the State Historian and the State Member of the National Executive Committee, one delegate at large and one delegate for every ten paid up members, for the current year, from each auxiliary association. The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, and at this Annual Meeting the general officers and delegates to the National American Woman Suffrage Association Convention shall be elected.

The general officers elected at the end of every term of three years, counting from the convention of 1903, shall be the Board of Directors of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and shall hold the same positions respectively as in the Executive Committee of the State Association.

### ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. President—The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when he or she may deem it necessary or in response to the written request of any three members of the Executive Committe, and shall perform other duties usual to such officer.

SECTION 2. Corresponding Secretary—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence; to send to each local auxiliary at least one month before the Annual Meeting a blank for their report for the current year. She shall then collate from such reports, her own annual report.

SECTION 3. Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Eexecutive Committee. He or she shall attend all meet-

tings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings, and shall apprise members of committee of their appointments. At the first session of each Annual Meeting she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee, since the last Annual Meeting, in their proper order, for the information of the Annual Meeting, and shall perform such duties usually pertaining to such office.

SECTION 4. Treasurer—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof to each Annual Meeting. He or she shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate January 1st.

## ARTICLE II—PLAN OF WORK.

To forward the objects of this Association the following lines of work are adopted and their efficient prosecution shall be provided for by the Annual Meeting or the Executive Committee:

1st. Distribution of Literature. 2nd. Press Work. 3rd. Legislative & Petition Work.

Any other lines of work consistent with the aims of this Association may be taken up when recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall constitute, ex-officio, a Lecture Bureau, and shall from time to time arrange such lecture tours for public speakers as ways and means shall seem to justify.

An Advisory Committee of men and women shall be appointed, consisting of one member from each State Senatorial District, or, where possible, one from each State Representative District, with whom the officers of the Association may consult in regard to the interests of the work in their respective districts.

## ARTICLE III—VOTING.

Each Local Association may cast the full vote to which it is entitled as set forth in Article VI of the Constitution. General Officers, Superintendent of Press Work, State Historian and the State Member of the National Executive Committee must vote in person and their vote cannot be cast otherwise. Local delegates present may cast, pro rata, the vote of absentees.

## ARTICLE IV—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers shall be elected on the morning of the last day of the Annual Meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the meeting an informal ballot shall be cast for each office separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person thus nominated, or the informal ballot may be made the formal by vote of the meeting.

SECTION 2. The Press Superintendent, Advisory Committee and State Historian shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Annual Meeting. Their election and that of the State Member of the National Executive Committee and the Delegates to the National Convention, shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occuring in the interim of the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following committees shall be appointed on the first morning of the Annual Meeting: On Credentials, on Publication, on Auditing, on Resolutions and on Courtesies.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee, Press Superintendent and State Historian shall meet in joint session previous to the Annual Meeting, to prepare a plan of work to be submitted to the said Annual Meeting, and shall hold another meeting at the close of these to complete arrangements for the ensuing year's work.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

### ON CREDENTIALS.

SECTION 1. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of two or more, of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall be Chairman. They shall receive and examine credentials of delegates, and approve such as are signed by the President or Secretary of Local Associations represented; shall report to the Convention, setting forth the whole number of delegates present, and in the following order:

1. General Officers.
2. Superintendent of Press Work, State Historian and State Member of National Executive Committee.
3. Delegates from Local Associations.

### ON PUBLICATIONS.

SECTION 2. The Committee on Publications shall consist of two or more, shall solicit subscriptions for Suffrage Papers, shall provide for the publication of the minutes and all other papers ordered to be published by the Convention. The Recording Secretary shall be Chairman of this Committee.

### ON RESOLUTIONS.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Resolutions shall consist of three and shall perform the duties usual to such committee.

### ON COURTESIES.

SECTION 4. The Committee on Courtesies shall have charge of all introductions to the Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

All documents and announcements from General Officers shall be sent to each Local Auxiliary.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The expenses of the General Officers and the Press Superintendent, in traveling to and from the Convention, also postage and stationery, shall be paid from the State Treasury.

## ARTICLE IX.

### BOOK OF REFERENCE.

Roberts' Rules of Order are adopted as a Book of Reference on points of Parliamentary Law.

## ARTICLE X.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Eighteenth Annual Convention

OF THE

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HELD AT

RICHMOND, KY.

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MRS. L. C. OBENCHAIN ..... Bowling Green, Ky.

*Historian*

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*Member of Ex. Com. N. A. W. S. A.*

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 14, AT 9 O'CLOCK.

Moved that Mrs. Obenchain, the Press Superintendent, be paid $50 as salary up to November 1, 1907.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to write to Press Superintendent.

The President, Miss Clay, read a letter from Miss Gordon, asking that our State Association protest against the appointment of Mr. Jenkins, of Wisconsin, as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of Congress.

The Plan of Work Committee recommends that the bill for school suffrage for women, to be introduced in the next Legislature, be left in the hands of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs.

Adjourned.

## MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President, Miss Laura Clay.

Voted that the program be made the order of business.

Minutes of the Executive Committee read and approved.

President appointed the following committees:

Publications—Mrs. E. M. Roebuck, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin.

Credentials—Mrs. Isabella Shepard, Mrs. Mary C. Roark.

Auditing—Miss Laura White, Mrs. Sarah Charles.

Courtesies—Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Mrs. M. McClellan.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ida Bullington, Mrs. Hannah Spring, Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

### REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay reported work done locally.

Mrs. Mary C. Cramer told of work done in Lexington.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin related experience in securing signatures for school elections.

Mrs. E. M. Roebuck reported work done in her department.

Report of National Executive Committee Member, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, read and accepted.

### REPORTS FROM LOCAL CLUBS.

Ashland report read by Miss Laura White.

Bowling Green sent no report.

Campbell County report read by Mrs. Hannah Spring.

Kenton County, verbal report by Mrs. Isabella Shepard.

Fayette County report read by Mrs. M. C. Cramer.

Moved that the Secretary write Mrs. Mary G. Morton, of Lexington, a letter of condolence.

Madison County report read by Mrs. Kate Rose Wiggins.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay told of two prominent men of Richmond, Ky.—Prof. Simmons and Mr. J. R. Sullivan—having publicly declared themselves in favor of full suffrage for women; also of Superintendent Nolan, in favor of school suffrage.

Editorial from Lexington Herald of November 7 was read.

Voted the Secretary write to Mr. Desha Breckenridge, editor of the Herald, and thank him for his editorial.

Voted that part of Mr. Breckenridge's editorial be incorporated in the minutes of this convention.

Miss Laura White reported a new paper started in Ashland, Ky., which is in favor of woman's suffrage.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin gave a verbal report from the Twentieth Century Club.

Treasurer reported dues sent from Hickman and a letter from Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, in which she regretted being unable to attend the convention on account of the recent death of her mother.

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman.

President reported dues sent from Louisville.

Discussion of the position of the church in regard to woman's suffrage.

Voted that the suggestion of the National Association on church work be referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

Mrs. Desha Breckenridge spoke of the convention of the Kentucky State Development Association, to be held in Louisville in January, and asked the interest of the convention.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Miss Clay.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The convention was most cordially welcomed on behalf of Madison County E. R. A. by Mrs. Mary B. Miller, on behalf of the Woman's Club by Mrs. T. J. Smith, and on behalf of the Madison County School Improvement League by Mrs. Ben Banks.

The President responded to the addresses of welcome and gave her annual report.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw was introduced and addressed the convention. Miss Shaw explained the resolution being asked from the different churches in regard to the 16th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The Committee on School Suffrage, Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, Chairman, reported.

Mrs. Breckenridge reported having written a letter to Governor-elect Wilson, asking his position on woman's suffrage, to which he replied that he was decidedly in favor of school suffrage for women.

Voted to adopt the recommendation of the Plan of Work Committee to leave the bill for school suffrage in the hands of the Legislative Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Kentucky.

Rev. Anna Shaw recommended that a correct account be kept of work inaugurated by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, even if finally accomplished by other societies.

Delegates from Newport promised to interview their Senator and Representatives on school suffrage.

Delegates from Covington will also do all in their power to influence their legislators.

Report of Committee on Credentials read and accepted.

Voted that the plan of having "enrolled members" be adopted. The enrolled members not to pay annul dues, simply to express belief in woman's suffrage and become members of local club.

Voted that the enrollment cards be prepared by the State Association, and the local associations deciding to use them purchase them from the State Secretary.

Adjourned.

## FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 15.

Plan of Work Committee met at 9 o'clock.

Voted that the Treasurer ascertain from Miss Shaw the amount due her for lectures and traveling expenses.

It was decided to recommend:

That Miss Laura Clay be appointed special committee on church work.

That the report of the Chairman of the School Suffrage Committee be accepted and the committee continued.

The appointment of a fraternal delegate to the convention of the Society of Charities and Corrections.

That we endeavor to obtain for mothers equal guardianship of minor children.

That we persist in our efforts to have women appointed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

That we try to effect the appointment of a Dean of Women at the State College.

That our Legislative Committee ask for Presidential suffrage for women.

Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Mrs. Kate Rose Wiggins.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Voted that the President prepare a statement of the plan of enrolled members for the printed minutes of the convention.

Report of the Treasurer read and the books placed in the hands of the Auditors.

Voted that the report of the Chairman of the School Suffrage Committee be accepted and the committee continued.

Voted that a fraternal delegate be appointed to the convention of the Society of Charities and Corrections.

Voted that the appointment of such delegate be left with the Chair.

Voted that we endeavor to obtain for mothers equal guardianship of minor children.

Voted that we persist in our efforts to have women appointed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

Voted that we strive to effect the appointment of a Dean of Women at the State College.

Voted that our Legislative Committee be instructed to ask for Presidential suffrage for women.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay be made special committee on church work.

A letter was read from Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Chairman of the National Press Committee, asking local clubs to do more press work.

Mayor Clarence Woods was introduced and addressed the convention. Mr. Woods advised all associations to do more press work, as the press is the most decided molder of public opinion.

The convention proceeded with the election of officers.

The Chair appointed as distributing tellers Mrs. Ellen Gibson and Mrs. Kate R. Wiggins, and as receiving tellers, Mrs. Hugh McCann and Mrs. Bennett.

The following officers were elected:

President—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

First Vice President—Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Third Vice President—Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport.

Treasurer—Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Covington.

Mrs. Desha Breckenridge announced that at the conference of the Society of Charities and Corrections, to be held in Louisville in January, Mr. Amos Butler, Secretary of the Board of Charities and Corrections of Indiana, and Dr. Charles Henderson, of the University of Chicago, would be present.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Executive Committee met at 1:30 and decided to recommend:

That Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain was nominated Press Superintendent.

That the Press Superintendent be paid a salary or $60 per year, provided there are sufficient free will offerings.

That Mrs. Mattie Bruce Reynolds be nominated State Historian.

That Mrs. Mary E. Giltner be nominated as member of the National Executive Committee.

Committee rose.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading by the President. Prayer by Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Voted that Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain be elected Press Superintendent.

Voted that a salary of five dollars a month be paid the Press Superintendent, provided there are sufficient free will offerings.

Nomination of delegates to the National Convention resulted as follows:

Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Miss Laura White, Ashland.

Alternates selected were:

Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Richmond.

Mrs. A. C. Buchanan, Richmond.

Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Miss Lucia Burnham, Richmond.

Mrs. Kate R. Wiggins, Richmond.

Mrs. McCann, Richmond.

Voted that the first alternate fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, etc.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw announced that in all probability the National convention for 1908 will be held at Buffalo, in October, from the 15th to the 21st.

Voted the Executive Committee be empowered to act in regard to the appointment of an Advisory Committee.

Rev. C. A. Tague was introduced to the convention.

The Chair asked for an expression of opinion as to the three worst laws in regard to civil rights of women. It was unanimously conceded that the present co-guardianship law of minor children is the very worst.

Mrs. A. R. Burnam, for the Kentucky Equal Rights Asso-

ciation, presented to the library of the State Normal School the best known books on equal suffrage.

Response to the presentation was made by Prof. Wrenn Grinstead, on behalf of the Normal School.

A most interesting paper on the inadvisability of taking up the matter of a sixteenth amendment at present was read by Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

A motion that we shall not take up the matter of a sixteenth amendment was lost.

Voted that we comply with the request of the National Association in regard to the sixteenth amendment.

The convention enjoyed the address on the "School Improvement League," by Mrs. Mary C. Roark. Mrs. Roark recommended that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association furnish a speaker to assist the Legislative Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs at the Legislature for the passage of the school suffrage bill. To raise money for this work it is proposed to issue a memorial or a woman's edition of some prominent newspaper in the state.

A most interesting and instructive paper on "Peace and Arbitration" was read by Miss Laura White.

Voted that we comply with the request of the National Association and appoint a Committee on Peace and Arbitration, and that Miss Laura White be made Chairman of such committee.

A request for free will offerings resulted in the following pledges:

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| Madison County Equal Rights Association | $10 00 |
| Campbell County Equal Rights Association | 10 00 |
| Ashland Equal Rights Association | 5 00 |
| Miss Laura White | 10 00 |
| Miss Belle Bennett | 5 00 |
| Mrs. S. C. Bennett | 30 00 |
| Mrs. H. L. Spring | 1 00 |
| Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Sarah Charles | 1 00 |
| Miss Rolling | 1 00 |
| Total | $74 00 |

Report of the Auditing Committee read and accepted.

Voted that all unfinished business be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Voted that any member of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association present at the National Convention may be chosen by the delegates there to fill any existing vacancy.

Voted that the Executive Committee be empowered to devise some means of bringing a speaker to assist in school suffrage work.

Resolutions of respect were passed upon the death of Judge James Tarvin.

Report of Resolutions Committee read and accepted.

Voted that the resolution of thanks be read at the end of the evening meeting.

Convention adjourned.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

**SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 16.**

Executive Committee met and appropriated:

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| Rev. Anna Shaw's traveling expenses | $25 00 |
| Officers' traveling expenses | 21 65 |
| Printing programs | 2 00 |
| Printing minutes | 20 00 |
| Postage, Corresponding Secretary | 2 00 |
| Postage, Recording Secretary | 2 00 |
| Press work | 25 00 |
| Printing enrollment cards | 5 00 |

Voted that any money remaining after the regular appropriations have been made shall go toward the expenses of the Frankfort committee.

Voted that we ask the Legislature for a constitutional amendment, as provided at the convention of 1906.

Enrollment cards to be printed as agreed upon:

I believe in the Right of Suffrage for women, and I hereby enroll myself as a member of the .....
of .....
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Kentucky.

Voted that a committee be appointed, with Mrs. E. M. Roebuck as Chairman; Mrs. Isabella Shepard and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, to employ a Field Secretary.

As an Advisory Board it was decided to ask the following gentlemen to serve:

Mr. John D. White, of Clay County.
Mr. Desha Breckenridge, of Fayette County.
Mr. Frederick Wolcott, of Kenton County.
Mr. John W. Langley, of McGoffin County.
Mr. Clarence Woods, of Madison County.

Committee rose.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

## EVENING SESSION.

The evening sessions were held at the Court House, in the Circuit Court room. Large audiences attended both evenings. Thursday evening Mr. C. A. Tague opened the meeting with prayer, and the Cecilian Club rendered several delightful musical numbers. Mayor Clarence Wood gave a most cordial address of welcome to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and presented Miss Laura Clay, President, with the keys of the city. Mrs. E. M. Roebuck responded and thanked Mr. Woods and all the people of Richmond for their warm welcome.

Miss Clay then introduced the Rev. Anna Shaw, President of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, who delivered a splendid lecture on "The Fate of Republics" to a delighted and enthusiastic audience.

Friday evening's session was opened with an invocation by Prof. E. C. McDougle, and an address by Rev. Hugh McLellan. Miss Shaw again lectured on woman's suffrage in general. She also conducted a "question box," and answered any and all questions propounded by the audience most logically and wittily.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF KENTUCKY E. R. ASSOCIATION.

### January 1, 1907—January 1, 1908

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| To Bal. Jan. 1, 1907 | | $111 18 |
| Pledges—1907 | | |
| Mrs. Giltner | $ 5 00 | |
| Miss L. White | 10 00 | |
| Newport E. R. Ass'n | 10 00 | |
| Fayette Co. E. R. Ass'n | 10 00 | |
| Mrs. Cantrill | 5 00 | 40 00 |
| Pledges—1908 | | |
| Mrs. Jas. Bennett | 30 00 | |
| Miss B. Bennett | 5 00 | |
| Richmond E. R. Ass'n | 10 00 | |
| Miss L. White | 10 00 | 55 00 |
| Annual dues from Local Ass'ns | | |
| Ashland | $ 8 75—(25) | |
| Kenton Co. Ass'n | 2 10—( 6) | |
| Frankfort | 50—( 1) | |
| Lexington | 28 00—(80) | |
| Louisville | 4 90—(14) | |
| Hickman | 1 05—( 3) | |
| Newport | 17 50— 50) | |
| Richmond | 26 55—(75) | |
| " Enrolled | 2 00—(20) | |
| Twentieth Cent | 27 30—(78) | |
| 352 Members | | 118 65 |
| Total | | $324 83 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

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| Press Work | $ 25 00 |
| " " Salary | 50 00 |
| Printing Minutes | 20 00 |
| Two Lectures—Rev. Anna Shaw | 25 co |
| Traveling Expenses—as allowed | 21 65 |
| Printing Enrollment Cards | 3 50 |
| " Programs | 2 00 |
| Annual Dues to N'l Suffrage Ass'n | 35 10 |
| Total | $182 25 |
| Bal. Jan. 1, 1908 | 142 58 |
| | $324 83 |

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

Ky. E. R. A. For the year ending Nov. 1907

During the past year I have not tried to enlarge my list of papers; my principal aim has been to find out what papers on my list are publishing the articles I send out. My method is to send a marked copy of some suffrage paper, and at the same time a postal card calling attention to the marked article and requesting the editor to publish it in his paper and send a marked copy of the paper to me. About one editor in six will do this. When I receive the paper I write a card of thanks, and ever after feel confident that I am not wasting postage when I send suffrage matter to that editor.

The National Bureau has wisely concluded to send *Progress* to the State Superintendents every month, in place of the usual weekly article. This gives variety to the literature, and at the same time keeps an editor informed as to the progress and wide scope of the suffrage movement. I am now sending out postal cards asking the editors to express their views on school suffrage for women.

During the local option campaign in this place last summer I distributed suffrage literature, and I hoped the part taken in the campaign by women would convert many to the belief in full suffrage:

The financial statement is as follows:

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| From Mrs. Shepard, December 7, 1906 | $10 00 |
| From Mrs. Shepard, July 6, 1907 | 15 00 |
| From Mrs. Shepard, August 28, 1907 | 10 00 |
| From Miss Clay, December, 1906 | 10 00 |
| Total | $45 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,

Supt. Press Work, Ky. E. R. A.

## REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE N. A. W. S. A,

The preliminary meetings of the general officers were held at the Palmer House, with most of the officers present, Miss Shaw presiding. Many motions which assumed the form of recommendations to the Executive Committee were acted upon, and referred to the convention for final action.

At 2:15 p.m. the convention was opened at Music Hall by Miss Shaw. Addresses of welcome were made by Mrs. Ella T. Stewart, Rt. Rev. Samuel E. Fellows and Mrs. Susan M. D. Fry. Responses were made by Mrs. Fernauld, of Maine, and Mrs. Sperry, of California. Then followed the appointment of committees. A symposium on municipal suffrage followed, Mrs. Florence Kelly presiding.

Miss Nicholes, of Neighborhood House, spoke on "Chicago Workers Who Do Not Vote."

The convention decided to raise a fund of $100,000, to be used in the campaigns of various states, and known as the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Fund.

It was decided to ask Congress to add a sixteenth amendment to the National Constitution, placing women on complete equality with men.

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton paid a noble tribute to Miss Susan B. Anthony.

Mary Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis, on behalf of the Women's Council, proposed the erection of a statue of Miss Anthony.

Mrs. Mary L. Garnett, of New York, one of the Memorial Committee, spoke of their plans for the erection of a building at the University of Rochester, to be used as dormitory and study rooms for girls attending this institution.

Miss Jane Adams, of Hull House, entertained the delegates at luncheon, after which they visited the various departments of the house.

The Chicago Woman's Club entertained the convention with a reception at the Fine Arts Building.

It was decided that the next convention be held at Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Laura Clay told of the work accomplished during the Oregon campaign.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser gave a report of the work done at Warren, O.

It was decided to change the time of year in which to hold the National Convention from early spring to fall.

Miss Lucretia Blankenberg reported the following achievements: In New Hampshire, school suffrage for women; in Kentucky, age of consent has been raised from 12 to 16 years; Delaware has secured a child labor law; Iowa has enacted child labor, juvenile court and pure food laws; Illinois has raised the age of consent from 14 to 16 years; Kansas passed the Juvenile Court law; Louisiana has a new child labor law and a constitutional amendment making women eligible to serve as factory inspectors.

Miss Laura Clay reported an increase in membership, and advocated making the present year one of growth.

Mary E. McDowell, of the University of Chicago, spoke of the working woman as a national asset.

It was said by the officers and delegates that more work was accomplished at this convention than at any held heretofore.

Many other things could be said of this convention, but time and space forbid. Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. GILTNER.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS—Fayette County E. R. A.

The Fayette Equal Rights Association held three program meetings and one business meeting in 1907.

The program meetings were all enjoyed, and were full of interest. Our President, Miss Clay, spent some time in Oklahoma working for the cause of suffrage.

The woman's column in the Herald has awakened much interest in the work that women are doing everywhere, and

has caused a more decided movement in our favor. Prominent men are endorsing us all over the country.

We have lost through death two of our most earnest workers, Mrs. Sarah Gibson Humphrey. To us her passing away is a great calamity. Also, we lost by death our youngest member, Miss Judith Morton, who possessed one of the sweetest and loveliest of characters.

With deep compassion we tender our heartfelt sympathy to her mother, our able Vice President, Mrs. Mary G. Morton.

We are going forward, and all over the country women and their work are coming to the front, bringing us glad tidings for the future, and more energy to continue to help our cause.

MRS. WELLINGTON PAYNE, Secretary.

## MADISON COUNTY E. R. A.

Our association has not held many meetings during the past year, but we have not been inactive, but have been on the alert for opportunities to further our cause.

In March, during the local option campaign, the women took an active part, and at each of the voting booths served coffee and sandwiches to all. The Mayor and officials complimented them on their work, and many were converted to woman's suffrage.

We have held two meetings this month to arrange for this convention, and new members have been added at each meeting.

Our association extends to you a most hearty welcome.

K. G. WIGGINS, Secretary.

## ASHLAND E. R. A.

### The Annual Report of the Ashland E. R. A.

The Ashland Association has held nine meetings, with an average attendance of seven members.

We have used the National programs at some of the meetings, and they were very instructive and highly appreciated.

"The History of Woman Suffrage" was freely used in preparing for the program on "Colleges" and "State Laws Concerning Women."

We were disappointed at having no delegate at the National Convention. We had an echo meeting, however, reading selections from the addresses reported in *Progress* and *The Woman's Journal,* and a letter from our State President, Miss Clay.

We sent a delegate to the National Peace and Arbitration Congress, and, besides having her report at a regular meeting, we held a public echo meeting in one of our churches, at which the national speakers were ably represented by those who recited or read the extracts from their addresses.

Eleven of our members are subscribers for *Progress* and three for the *Woman's Journal.*

Besides giving away many of these papers, we have bought and distributed at the Chautauqua meetings and W. C. T. U. Convention five dollars worth of leaflets of Mrs. Upton's selection.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. H. BAGLEY, President.
MRS. A. M. GLENN, Secretary.

## CAMPBELL COUNTY E. R. A.

The Campbell County Equal Rights Association can not report so satisfactory a year's work as in the past, owing to the irregularity in holding our monthly meetings.

We have held six meetings, both business and social in character. We held an echo meeting to which many visitors were invited, but our work has been chiefly confined to the distribution of suffrage literature and increasing our local membership.

We had one public lecture, given in December last, on the subject of "Child Labor." Mr. Hugh Cavanaugh, the lecturer, is prominent as a leader in union labor circles in Cincinnati, and was also a special correspondent sent by the Cincinnati Post to investigate the subject of child labor in the East and South.

Our society netted a neat sum by the sale of tickets for this lecture.

We have lost two faithful and earnest workers for woman's suffrage by death during this year, Mrs. Louisa Gayle and Mrs. Mary Waring. By the death of Mrs. Gayle the Campbell County Association lost one of its oldest members, she having been a charter member and having been one of its faithful workers. Mrs. Waring also, although a later member, was an energetic and helpful worker.

We close the present year with a paid membership of fifty, and send six delegates to the State Convention to be held at Richmond, November 14 and 15. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. J. STIMSON,
Secretary C. C. E. R. A.

The Twentieth Century Club of Covington, the Kenton County E. R. A., Hickman E. R. A., Bowling Green E. R. A., Frankfort E. R. A. and Louisville E. R. A. all sent dues, but no report of work done.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association respectfully reports as follows:

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| Balance January 1, 1906 | $136 63 |
| Receipts since | 405 50 |
| Total receipts | $542 13 |
| Disbursements | 387 95 |
| Balance November 15, 1907 | $154 18 |

LAURA R. WHITE, Chairman.
SARAH CHARLES.

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following:

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association express its thanks to the Hon. Augustus E. Willson, our future Governor, for his unequivocal endorsement of school suffrage for Kentucky women, and for the fairness of his attitude toward the question of full suffrage for women.

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association thank Mr. J. G. Crabbe, our future State Superintendent of Public Instruction, for his advocacy of the just and wise measure of granting school suffrage to the women of Kentucky.

Resolved, That this Convention extends its sincere thanks to the Hon. Tom L. Johnson for his presence at the Ohio Suffrage Convention and his hearty endorsement of full suffrage for women.

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Assocaition thank the Elks for the use of their beautiful rooms to hold our Convention; to the Mayor, Clarence Woods, for the endorsement of our views, and warm reception to the city of Richmond; to the Cecilian Club, of Richmond, for their beautiful music; to the County Judge, for the use of Court House for our evening meetings; to our hostesses, for their entertainment of the delegates and guests. We also thank all the newspapers for their advertisement and fine notices of our Convention. To the Rev. C. A. Tague, the Rev. Hugh McClelland and the Rev. E. C. McDougle for their assistance at our evening meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. IDA BULLINGTON,
MRS. HANNAH L. SPRING,
MRS. MARY B. CLAY.

The following resolutions were adopted on the death of Judge James Tarvin:

Resolved, That in the death of Judge Tarvin this Association has lost a friend and member and one who rendered valuable assistance in preparing our papers of incorporation and other matters.

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Association be extended to Mrs. Tarvin in her great bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her.

N. S. McLAUGHLIN,
ISABELLA H. SHEPARD.

# REPORT

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Nineteenth Annual Convention

OF THE

# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

HELD AT

## RICHMOND, KY.

## November 17th and 18th, 1908

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Executive Committee met Monday evening, November 16, 1908, Miss Clay presiding.

The President explained many of the plans of work of the National Association for the good of the cause this year.

Discussion of an amendment to the constitution on the question of the representation and position of enrolled members.

Discussion of an amendment to the constitution to receive state bodies organized for other than suffrage purposes as members of the state association.

Adjourned.

Plan of Work Committee met at 9 o'clock November 17.

It was decided to recommend that Article III. of the state constitution be amended by the addition: "Any state organization for other objects, who endorse woman's suffrage, may become auxiliary by the payment of one dollar annually to the State Treasurer."

That Article VI. of the state constitution shall be amended by making it read: "One delegate at large and one delegate for every ten paid-up members for the current year, from each auxiliary suffrage association, and one delegate from each auxiliary state association."

President read a letter from Miss Anna Gordon, asking that the state associations write to President Roosevelt, requesting him to recommend woman's suffrage in his message to Congress.

Voted that we comply with Miss Gordon's request and recommend that the locals do the same.

As to the plan of work, it was decided that we recommend:

That we endeavor to obtain for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children, equal with fathers.

That we continue our efforts to obtain school suffrage for all women in Kentucky.

That we ask to have women appointed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

That we ask for the submission of a constitutional amendment, giving full suffrage to women.

That we make increase of membership our principal work for next year.

Adjourned.

## MORNING SESSION.

Convention opened at 10 o'clock, Miss Clay in the chair.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Voted that the programme be made the order of business.

Minutes of the Executive Committee read and approved.

Voted that the chair appoint all committees.

Committees appointed:

Credentials—Mrs. I. H. Shepard.

Publication—Mrs. E. M. Roebuck, Mrs. Hattie Buchanan.

Auditing—Miss Anna Warfuel, Mrs. Sam Parks.

Courtesies—Mrs. Kate Rose Wiggins.

Resolutions—Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Mrs. Rawlins Burnham and Mrs. J. B. Stouffer.

The officers present each gave interesting reports of work done in their different departments.

Voted that the Secretary write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, regretting her absence from the convention.

Report of Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, member of the National Executive Committee, read and accepted.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Kenton County report read by Mrs. I. H. Shephard.

Ashland report read by Miss Laura White.

Covington Equal Rights Association, verbal report by Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin.

Campbell County report read by Miss Warfuel.

Fayette County report read by Secretary.

Louisville report read by Mrs. Alice White.

Madison County report read by Mrs. Kate R. Wiggins.

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Voted that suffrage literature be sent to the public libraries.

Chair appointed Mrs. I. H. Shepard as committee to attend to the placing of suffrage literature in the public libraries.

First report of Credentials Committee read and accepted.

Voted that article III. of the constitution be amended as read and recommended by Plan of Work Committee.

Voted that Article VI. of the constution be amended as read and recommended by Plan of Work Committee.

Voted that we adopt the suggestion of Miss Gordon to write to President Roosevelt, asking him to recommend woman's suffrage in his annual message.

Voted that we endeavor to obtain for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children equal with fathers.

Voted that we continue our efforts to get school suffrage for all women in Kentucky.

Voted that we strive to have women appointed on boards of all punitive and educational institutions.

Voted that we ask for the submission of a constitutional amendment giving full suffrage to the women of Kentucky.

Voted that we make increase of membership our principal work for next year.

Miss Clay, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, gave report of work done by that committee.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2:15 with Scriptural reading and prayer.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Voted that the wording of the amendments to the constitution be left to the Committee on Publication.

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, of Lexington, President of the Kentucky W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Lucy A. Nield and Mrs. Alice White, of Louisville, were introduced to the convention.

Report of State Historian, Mrs. M. B. Reynolds, read and accepted.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, chairman of the civic department of the Woman's Club, told of work done by women in having Kentucky's very excellent child labor law passed.

Miss Laura Clay gave her annual address and told of the work done in the past year. She dwelt particularly on the recommendations of the National Association to the State Associations. There are likely to be campaigns for woman's suffrage in five States this year. The National recommends: That each State assist Mrs. Catt with her monster petition of 1,000,000 names to Congress; that we do more work among the churches; that good speakers be sent, who are thoroughly acquainted with the Bible, and that we ask our ministers to preach one sermon a year on woman's suffrage; that we use the posters on all proper occasions.

Voted that we adopt the recommendations of the National Association to assist with the petition, do more church work and use the posters for propaganda upon all suitable occasions.

Mrs. Samuel Banks, President of the Richmond Woman's

Club, gave a most interesting talk on the work done by the School Improvement League and of how they were hampered for doing better work by poor equipment and small attendance, but have made it possible for 100,000 children in cities and 500,000 in rural districts to enjoy school privileges.

Mrs. Mary C. Roark, in her talk of work by the School Improvement League, stated that the mountain counties were much in favor of school suffrage for women.

Report of Superintendent of Press Work read by Corresponding Secretary and accepted.

Voted that the method of approaching patriotic and other societies be left to the discretion of the President.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Miss Clay for the great work she has done in the past and hoping she will continue to lead us.

Adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18.

Plan of Work Committee met at 9 o'clock.

Discussion of Susan B. Anthony memorial fund.

Voted that we recommend that the Executive Committee be made the Memorial Fund Committee.

Voted that we recommend that the President be authorized to act in regard to engaging Miss Penfield as an organizer in Kentucky.

Voted that we refrain from asking for free will offerings.

Adjourned.

Morning session opened at 10 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report of Treasurer read, received and books placed in hands of Auditing Committee.

Final report of Credentials Committee read and accepted.

Voted that we proceed to the election of officers. Chair appointed Mrs. K. R. Wiggins and Miss Anna Warfuel as dis-

tributing tellers, Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp and Mrs. Alice White as counting tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

First Vice President—Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Third Vice President—Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport.

Treasurer—Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard, Covington.

Delegates nominated to the National Convention were:

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Lexington.
Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Richmond.
Mrs. M. B. Reynolds, Covington.
Mrs. M. B. Clay, Richmond.
Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Louisville.
Mrs. I. H. Shepard, Covington.

Alternates nominated were:

Mrs. Mary Trimble, Covington.
Mrs. Hattie Buchanan, Richmond.
Mrs. Caroline A. Leech, Louisville.
Mrs. Alma VonD. Bergman, Louisville.
Miss Laura White, Ashland.
Mrs. Kate Parks, Richmond.
Mrs. K. R. Wiggins, Richmond.
Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Voted that first alternate fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, etc.

Voted that if there is a vacancy in the delegation at the Seattle convention, the delegates there present be empowered to fill such vacancy with any member of the Kentucky E. R. A. there present.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner was elected member of the National Executive Committee.

Voted that the Executive Committee be made the Committee of the Susan B. Anthony memorial fund.

Voted that the Executive Committee be empowered to em-

ploy Miss Penfield as organizer, as they see fit to arrange with the National Association.

Hon. John D. White was introduced to the convention.

Voted that the Executive Committee be empowered to revise and publish a new edition of the leaflet, "What the Kentucky Equal Rights Association Has Done."

The Covington Equal Rights Association invited the State Association to hold the convention of 1909 in Covington.

Voted that the invitation be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Miss Laura White, of Ashland, announced that "The Association of Collegiate Alumnae" would hold their annual meeting at Cincinnati in the fall of 1909 and suggested that if possible it would be well to have our convention at the same time.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Dean Virginia D. Spencer, of the Normal School of Eastern Kentucky.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The Equal Rights Association of Kentucky expresses sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Sarah C. Bennett esteemed President of the Madison County Association, in her recent bereavement, the death of her husband, James C. Bennett, an honored citizen of Richmond.

Voted that Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain be elected Superintendent of Press Work and Mrs. M. B. Reynolds as State Historian.

A most interesting report of the National Convention at Buffalo was given by Miss Laura Clay.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, of Louisville, led the discussion on "The Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children."

The discussion on "Peace and Arbitration" was most ably lead by Miss Laura White.

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, President of Kentucky W. C. T. U.

and National Committeeman of the Prohibition party, gave a most interesting talk on the difficulties encountered in the campaign for temperance in Kentucky.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Letcher Riker, Mrs. Mary C. Roark told of the work done by the Federation of Woman's Clubs for school suffrage.

Rev. Anna Shaw, President of the N. A. W. S. A., addressed the convention and spoke of the absolute necessity of the ballot for women in every walk and for every improvement of life.

A resolution of thanks voted to Rev. Anna Shaw for her addresses.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and accepted.

Voted that Miss Laura White be appointed chairman of Committee on Peace and Arbitration.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay be chairman of Committee on Church Work.

Voted that Mrs. Lucy A. Nield be made chairman of Committee on Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children.

Voted that the suggestion of the Executive Committee be accepted, that the individuals and clubs usually giving free-will offerings, endeavor to get sufficient enrolled members, whose dues they may pay, so that about the same amount of money would go to the state treasury.

Voted that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned.

Executive Committee met Thursday morning.

Report of Auditing Committee received and accepted.

President read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, formerly of the Kentucky E. R. A., but at present Press Superintendent of the Minnesota E. R. A. She says in part: "I am always with you in spirit if not in body." We hope that Mrs. Farmer may again be present in body at one of our conventions.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

Appropriations were made as follows:

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| Officers' traveling expenses | $19 35 |
| Hotel bill officers and speakers | 23 00 |
| Printing programs | 2 00 |
| Printing 1,000 revised leaflets | 8 00 |
| Stationery and press work | 60 00 |
| Recording Secretary postage and stationery | 2 00 |
| Enrollment cards | 5 00 |
| Printing minutes | 20 00 |
| Literature library leaflets | 5 00 |
| Total | $144 35 |

Voted that the State Association furnish enrollment cards to the local association free of charge.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay be chairman of committee to arrange Miss Penfield's route and other business.

Voted that the Advisory Committee be continued the same as last year.

Voted that if the President ascertain from the locals that the dues of some of the members are not paid, she be empowered to authorize the Treasurer to pay the National dues of such members if the condition of the State Treasury admits.

Committee rose.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

## EVENING SESSIONS.

The evening meetings were held at the Courthouse in the Circuit Court room. Rev. Wren Grimstead opened the first evening's exercises with prayer. Mr. Green Clay, representing the Madison County Democratic Committee, addressed the meeting and spoke of the absolute necessity of the women's vote to the Democratic party. Miss May Costelloe, of England, who has been traveling over the States to observe American women's suffrage methods, told most interestingly of the two women's suffrage parties in England—the more quiet and persuasive party, the Suffragists, of whom she is one, and the Militant or Suffragette party.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw was the principal speaker of the evening and answered many the arguments advanced against woman's suffrage. Her bright manner engaged the attention of the audience and soon convinced the majority that her point of view was the correct one.

On Wednesday evening a larger audience if possible than the one of the night before was again crowded into the court-room. Prof. R. N. Roark, President of the Eastern Kentucky Normal School, made the invocation. Mr. C. C. Wallace, a representative of the Madison County Republican Committee, told how, in his opinion, the Republican party would grant suffrage to women just as soon as they desired it. Miss Eleanor Rendell, of England, related most entertainingly, how she, with Miss Costelloe and three companions, traveled all of last summer over England in a large wagon, making suffrage speeches. The main address of the evening was again made by the Rev. Anna H. Shaw. She asserted that the woman of the present, to whom all sources of higher education are open, is just as capable of using the ballot intelligently as man, and certainly the evidence she gave should persuade the most skeptical.

## RFPORT OF TREASURER OF KENTUCKY E. R. ASS'N.

JAN 1, 1908 – JAN., 1909.

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| Balance January 1. 1908 | | | 142 48 |
| Pledges—Mrs. Spring | | 1 00 | |
| Mrs. McLaughlin | | 1 00 | |
| Mrs. Charles | | 1 00 | |
| Miss Rolling | | 1 00 | |
| Newport E. R Ass'n | | 10 00 | |
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| Donation of Salary, Mrs. Oberchain | | | 25 00 |
| Donations for State Work: | | | |
| Mrs. McCann | | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Bennett | | 20 00 | |
| Miss B. Bennett | | 5 00 | |
| | | | 30 00 |
| Annual Dues from Local Societies: | | | |
| Ashland | (20) | 7 00 | |
| B. Green | (10) | 3 50 | |
| Kenton Co. E. R. Ass'n | (10) | 3 50 | |
| Lancaster | ( 1) | 1 00 | |

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| Lexington | (75) | 26 | 25 | |
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| Louisville | (29) | 10 | 15 | |
| Twentieth Century Club | (78) | 27 | 30 | |
| Newport | (50) | 17 | 50 | |
| Richmond | (198) | 69 | 30 | |
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| Enrolled members: | | | | |
| Newport | (54) | 5 | 40 | |
| Kenton Co. Ass'n | (10) | 1 | 00 | |
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| Total | | | | $388 38 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Press Work | 15 00 |
| Salary Work | 25 00 |
| Printing Minutes | 17 00 |
| Postage and Secretary | 2 00 |
| Miss Shaw, Lectures | 25 00 |
| Hotel Expenses | 23 00 |
| Traveling Expenses | 19 35 |
| Printing Programs | 2 00 |
| Annual Dues to National Association | 58 60 |
| | 186 85 |
| Balance | 201 53 |
| | $388 38 |

## REPORT OF SUPT. OF PRESS WORK.

Owing to the Presidential election this has been an "off" year for press work, and for weeks before the election the National Press Bureau suspended work, as the papers were so full of campaign matter that it was useless to send suffrage articles.

The chief difficulty in my work has always been my inability to find out what papers are publishing our articles and of late I have been sending "Progress" and other suffrage literature only to the papers that I am sure of, and the rest of the copies to individuals throughout the State, prominent men and women,

who are not friendly to our cause. Ministers, lawyers and club women are good subjects for this kind of press work, and I believe that a suffrage paper sent them may often do as much good as when sent to a newspaper. In sending Progress to friendly papers I often write a personal card to the editor, asking him to read the papers, pass it on to some friend who will do the same, thus making a sort of endless chain of suffrage literature.

Last spring Mrs. Upton wrote me that she had one set of the "History of Woman Suffrage" to be given to some college of my selection. I selected Potter College, a school for young women, and the gift was gratefully received and acknowledged by the President. I have also selected the W. C. T. U. Settlement School at Hindman, Ky., as a field for suffrage work. Miss Katherine Pettit, one of the teachers, is in sympathy with our cause and assures me that she can make use of all the Woman's Journals, copies of Progress and leaflets that I send her, so that these mountain girls and boys can hear the gospel of equal rights while they are growing up and will need no conversion in later life. I have also sent to this school the peace literature sent me by the Superintendent of this branch of work.

In my own town I have, for the first time, a paper whose editor is in favor of woman suffrage. He prefers original articles, however, to the syndicated ones, and unfortunately, I am not able to write many of these. I have written two for the Woman's Journal during the past year, one of which has been used as a leaflet, and three or four for some Kentucky papers. Respectfully submitted,

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,
Supt. Press Work Ky. E. R. A.

## REPORT OF MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTICE COM.

Buffalo, N. Y., October 15, 1908.

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association and the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Society:

The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Building.

The meeting was called to order by our National President, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, at 2:30 p.m. The selection of seats for each State delegation was followed by an executive and a miscellaneous business meeting. Prayer was offered by Rev. Antonette Brown Blackwell, the first woman minister ever ordained. Many prominent women of Buffalo took part in extending a hearty welcome to their city, as well as different clubs and societies. Mrs. Van Miller Horton, President of the Buffalo City Federation, spoke in their behalf. Then came the fraternal greetings and responses.

At the evening meeting an audience gathered that filled every inch of space. Mayor Adams spoke of the rich years of tireless effort of the suffragists, and the full years of promise ahead, extending them a welcome in behalf of the city.

Before the immense audience, the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw again demonstrated her right to the title her admirers have conferred upon her. She is the greatest woman orator of the present day.

The suffrage question was fully discussed, and points were brought out by Miss Laura Clay, State President of Kentucky, and that Kentucky has just made the county the educational unit, and at the county school election last August in many places not a man voted, so they had to appoint school trustees, as none had been elected. The suffragists had lately attracted much attention at the San Antonio fair with two big posters with the inscriptions: "Give Texas Mothers a Right to Their Own Children," and, "We Have City Fathers, Why Not City Mothers?"

Mrs. Rachel Avery gave an interesting report of the International Convention, held in Amsterdam, Holland. Thirty-five leading organizations have officially endorsed woman suffrage.

The report of Miss Elizabeth Houser, the chairman of the press, was heard with great interest. There are State chairmen of press work in twenty-four States, and subs in eight others.

Mr. Henry B. Blackwell, who is one of the most interesting old gentlemen at the convention, presented a most excellent report on Presidential suffrage, closing with a recommendation to

the National Society that each State Association arrange to have a hearing on the suffrage question before its Legislature within the next two years, if possible.

Miss Kate M. Gordon presented her report as Corresponding Secretary, which was of special interest, that part devoted to the press. Miss Coons makes a point of becoming friendly with the editors. Mrs. Mathilda Orr Hays, of Pittsburg, told of her tactics with the Pittsburg dailies.

Mrs. Kate Trimble Wolsey, of Covington, our State, spoke, her subject being "Has Democracy Benefited Womanhood?"

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton announced that the pledge made on Monday outside of the ten thousand dollar gift amounted to three thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, and it was increased to fifty dollars more.

From a legal standpoint almost an entire afternoon was devoted to a remarkable paper by Mrs. Harriette M. Johnson Wood, attorney of New York, whose subject was: "Some Legal Phases of the Disfranchisement of Women." So important was this address that it was ordered printed for future reference, as touching upon some most important legislation, and as authority upon many subpects connected with the establishment of woman suffrage throughout the country.

As the crowning event, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt gave an address on "The Battle to the Strong." Rabbi Stephen S. Wise spoke on "Woman's Rights."

The final address was delivered by the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, which no doubt came up to the full standard.

The Next National American Suffrage Convention goes to Seattle next year. Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. GILTNER.

## REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN.

Madame President, Executive Officers and Members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, in Convention Assembled:

I consider it an honor and privilege to be able to stand before you and heartily endorse all the grand work you are try-

ing to accomplish for the women of this country following those pioneer women who opened the way for us. All the signs of the times are pointing to the ultimate success of the great movement of placing woman where she rightfully belongs—equal with man as a freeborn American citizen.

Women at last realize they can do more than "rock the cradle" to make good American citizens. Associations are growing in numbers also, therefore in strength. More aggressive methods have been their policy. Which is better, to be in the world, but not of it, or of the world and yet not one with it. That is the question which has been agitating the educated feminine mind since the higher plane of cultivation has been reached, and by her individual efforts woman has aimed at a sphere of advancement where she can proudly lift her head above the humdrum position formerly accorded her, and while she can, and still does, reign supreme over domestic affairs, still she can also take her rightful position in the discussion and solving of the many questions of material and problematical subjects.

An interest in public affairs and political matters on the part of woman is too often condemned as a hysterical desire for notoriety and excitement by a scoffing world. For the very sake of her children, woman ought to develop the best that is in her. Who is better qualified than the mother to instill a spirit of good citizenship into the children of the race? Respectfully submitted, MATTIE BRUCE REYNOLDS.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### Fayette County E. R. A.

The year 1908 has been one full of interest to those who have read the papers and magazines about the wonderful progress made in woman's movements all over the country. Here in Central Kentucky we have not been idle. A Dean of Women was appointed at State University by the efforts of the different women's clubs of Lexington in June, 1908.

Posters were put up at the different voting places on the third day of November. We have lost by death four of our

most valued members, Mrs. Celestine Logan, Mr. T. B. Hay, Mrs. Helen Carrick and Prof. John H Neville, all of whom were most faithful to our cause.

To us opens a new year full of hope and interest, and a belief that God is with us.

MRS. WELLINGTON PAYNE,
Secretary E. R. A. Central Kentucky.

## Madison County E. R. A.

Our Association has held but few meetings during the past year, but wonderful interest has been manifested among many of our members in the progress of this great work, "Suffrage for Women," as it is being manifested in all parts of the world. Great activity has been shown in the circulation of the membership cards. Many names have been added to our list, now numbering one hundred and sixty-five (165). Liberal donations have been made, and many have become interested in the cause who were seriously opposed to it. We have a number of subscribers for the Progress.

We have lost by death one of our charter members and one of whom we have been justly proud. Mr. James Bennett, husband of our honored President, Mrs. Sarah Bennett, was called to his eternal home October 31st, 1908. He for many years had been an invalid and death to him was a happy release. I know you will all join us in the expressions of the deepest sympathy for this great loss to family, community and association.

Your presence among us last year was a great benefit to our body. The meetings and lectures made a most favorable impression on the public, and the information that you would be among us again this year was good news to many, so I am gratified in being able to give you a most hearty welcome, not only in the name of the Association, but the community at large, many of whom wish us a God speed in our just cause.

## Ashland E. R. A.

This year's work of the Ashland E. R. A. has been retarded in a degree by the absence of one of our best workers and the

serious sickness and death in the home of another of our most worthy members; however, the association has held during the year a memorial meeting in memory of our lamented Susan B. Anthony; a program meeting in our city's beautiful Central Park, at which Rev. William Dun Ryan spoke and showed much interest in the cause advanced by the Association, and four business meetings with the following results:

Several new subscribers to Progress.

Ten dollars sent to the Anthony memorial fund.

Local ranks increased by two paid members and ten non-paying members.

One delegate elected to the National Convention, who, at the last moment, was unable to attend.

One delegate to the State Convention.

Posters placed at all polling stations day before election with most gratifying results, only favorable comments heard, and no expense in placing them, as local members and their friends did the work.

Our year's work closed with a paid membership of nineteen.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. W. KING, President.

ANNA T. HORD, Secretary.

## Campbell County E. R. A.

The Campbell County Equal Rights Association held ten meetings during 1908, three of which were social in character.

We held an echo meeting, where the report of the State Convention was read in full.

Peace literature was sent to the principals of the different schools, and also to our ministers of the Gospel. Letters were written to the President of the School Board and to the Superintendent of the Public Schools, asking that peace day be observed. We were promised that it should de done next year.

We lost one member by death during this year, Mrs. S. G. Danks. We have lost several members by removal and other causes, but have also gained new ones. Just before election day we had 100 of the yellow posters put up about the town.

We have distributed suffrage literature at every opportunity and most of our members subscribe for Progress.

We close this year with fifty paid and fifty-four enrolled members. Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH L. SPRING, Secretary.

## Louisville E. R. A.

There have been few meetings of the Louisville Association, but there seems to be a gratifyingly increasing interest in woman suffrage, and a number of new names have been added to our roll.

The following officers have been elected:

Mrs. Charles S. Nield, First Vice President, who has consented to act as President only until that officer is chosen; Mrs. Alma Von D. Bergman, Second Vice President; Mrs. John D. White, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the last meeting it was decided to change the former name, Louisville Equal Rights Association, to that of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Louisville, as expressing more nearly and definitely its object, and also as being in conformity with the name of the National Association.

Three delegates were appointed to the State Convention, to be held November 17 and 18 at Richmond.

I have to report a roll of twenty-nine members, the dues for same having been forwarded to the State Treasurer last week. Respectfully submitted, ALICE HARRIS WHITE,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Other locals sent dues but no reports.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Madison County is entitled to seventeen delegates. Mrs. A. R. Burnam, Miss Lucia Burnam, Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. K. R. Wiggins, Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Ella Parks, Mrs. Hattie Buchanan, Mrs. Nannie McBroom, Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Hugh McClellan, Mrs. Robert Burnam, Mrs. George Simmons, Mrs. Florence Bales, Mrs. Amanda Million, Mrs. A. C. Tague, Mrs. J. B. Stouffer.

Fayette County is entitled to six delegates. Three present, Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Miss Lena Yankey, Mrs. C. D. Chenault.

Ashland entitled to three delegates. One present, Miss Laura White.

Louisville entitled to three delegates. All present, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Mrs. Alice White, Hon. John D. White.

Newport entitled to six delegates. Present one, Miss Anna Warfuel.

Covington entitled to eight delegates. None present, but represented by State officer from Covington.

Kenton County entitled to two. None present, but represented by State Treasurer.

Officers present: President, Miss Clay; Vice Presidents, Mrs. M. B. Clay and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard; State Historian, Mrs. M. B. Reynolds.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Richmond, Ky., November 19, 1908.

We have examined the Treasurer's books and receipts and found them correct.

ANNA M. WARFUEL,
KATE PARKS.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following:

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association express its delight and thanks to the Judges of the Supreme Court of Iowa for the justice shown the women taxpayers of Des Moines in the injunction brought by them as a test case.

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association thank the Elks for the use of their clubroom and their unfailing courtesy to our convention, the Democratic and Republican County Committees, Mr. Green Clay and Mr. C. C. Wallace for their addresses, the County Judge for the use of the Courthouse for our evening meetings, our hostesses for the delightful luncheon served in the convention rooms, the newspapers for their excellent notices, the Profs. Grinstead and Roark for their graceful invocations and the public at large for the interest manifested, as evidenced by the large attendance at its sessions and evening meetings. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. STOUFFER, Chairman.
MRS. F. E. BEAUCHAMP.
MRS. RAWLINS BURNAM.

## THE ENROLLED MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM AND THE USE OF ENROLLMENT CARDS.

The recommendation to receive members on the basis of signing an enrollment card is just another decisive step toward simplifying membership by dropping the payment of annual dues as an obligation. The card bears there words:

.....Ky., ....., 19...

I believe in the right of suffrage for women and I hereby enroll myself as a member of the

(Local E. R. A.) .....

(Name) .....

(Post Office Address) .....

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Kentucky.

It does not commit the signer to anything except what is stated on it, that is, a belief in woman suffrage, and a willingness to stand for the principle publicity. The signer is a member until the name is withdrawn, whether he or she pays dues or not. The intention of the card is to emphasize the superior importance of "standing up and being counted" to any of the other usual duties of membership. The annual dues or a free will offering is desired, but it is not requisite. Just as before, the officers are free to ask for contributions or other aid for the work of the Association, but the signers of the cards are free to decline, with perfect loyalty to their obligations of membership.

In order that the signers may certainly understand that they are enrolling themselves as members, it is not allowable to sign for another person, even though that person gives permission.

Representation in the State and National Conventions remains as before, dependent upon the number of paid-up members. Hence, it should be the ambition of local clubs to pay dues for all their members either by free-will offerings or otherwise, and it is expected that the Treasurers will regularly once a year give every member an opportunity to contribute to these necessary expenses, taking pains to make it clear that such contributions are optional.

It is designed to keep all the names in the office of the State President; and either the originally signed cards or a careful copy of them should be sent to her, with the post-office addresses. In making a report to the State Treasurer the full number of enrolled members should be accurately given, whether dues are paid for all or not.

In order that the cards used shall be uniform in all the locals, the State E. R. A. furnishes them free, on application to Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, 112 West Front street, Newport, Kentucky.

# Constitution and By-Laws

OF THE

# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

MOTTO:

"If ye abide in my word, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This Association shall be known as "THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION," auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

### ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to advance the industrial, educational ond legal rights of women, and to secure suffrage to them by appropriate State and National legislation.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any local organization may become auxiliary to the State Equal Rights Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. Any state organization for other objects, who endorse woman's suffrage, may become auxiliary, by the payment of one dollar annually to the State Treasurer. Any person may become a member of this Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. No distinctron on account of sex shall be made in membership or eligibility to office in this Association.

### ARTICLE IV—FINANCE.

Each local association shall pay annually to the State Treasurer, the amount of thirty-five cents per member of each auxiliary; 10 cents of which shall go to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association. Each member of the State Equal Rights Association, not a member of an auxiliary local association, shall pay annually to the State Treasurer the amount of one dollar.

### ARTICLE V—GENERAL OFFICERS.

The General Officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. These General Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for and control the generel interest of the work, of whom three shall constitute a quorum when

assembled, or a majority may act by correspondence in response to a circular letter addressed to every member of the Executive Committee, not less than ten days before hand, by the President.

### ARTICLE VI—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, the State Superintendent of Press Work, the State Historian and the State Member of the National Executive Committee, one delegate at large and one delegate for every ten paid up members, for the current year, from each auxiliary suffrage association, and one delegate from each auxiliary state association. The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, and at this Annual Meeting the general officers and delegates to the National American Woman Suffrage Association Convention shall be elected.

The general officers elected at the end of every term of three years, counting from the convention of 1903, shall be the Board of Directors of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Kights Association, and shall hold the same positions respectively as in the Executive Committee of the State Association.

### ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting.

## BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. President—The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when he or she may deem it necessary or in response to the written request of any three members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform other duties usual to such officer.

SECTION 2. Corresponding Secretary—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence; to send to each local auxiliary at least one month before the Annual Meeting a blank for their report for the current year. She shall then collate from such reports her own annual report.

SECTION 3. Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee. He or she shall attend all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings, and shall apprise members of committee of their appointments. At the first session of each Annual Meeting she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee, since the last Annual Meeting in their proper order, for the information of the Annual Meeting, and shall perform such duties usually pertaining to such office.

SECTION 4. Treasurer——It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof to each Annual Meeting. He or she shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate January 1st.

## ARTICLE II—PLAN OF WORK.

To forward the objects of this Association the following lines of work are adopted and their efficient prosecution shall be provided for by the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee:

1st, Distribution of Literature. 2nd. Press Work. 3rd. Legislative & Petition Work.

Any other lines of work consistent with the aims of this Association may be taken up when recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall constitute, ex-officio, a Lecture Bureau, and shall from time to time arrange such lecture tours for public speakers as ways and means shall seem to justify.

An Advisory Committee of men and women shall be appointed, consisting of one member from each State Senatorial District, or, where possible, one from each State Representative District, with whom the officers of the Association may consult in regard to the interests of the work in their respective districts.

## ARTICLE III—VOTING.

Each Local Association may cast the full vote to which it is entitled as set forth in Article VI of the Constitution. General Officers, Superintendent of Press Work State Historian and the State Member of the National Executive Committee must vote in person and their vote can not be cast otherwise. Local delegates present may cast, pro rata the vote of absentees.

## ARTICLE IV—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers shall be elected on the morning of the last day of the Anuual Meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointted by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each office separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person nominated, or the informal ballot may be made the formal by vote of the meeting.

SECTION 2. The Press Superintendent, Advisory Committee and State Historian shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Annual Meeting. Their election and that of the State Member of the National Executive Committee and the Delegates to the National Convention, shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following committees shall be appointed on the first morning of the Annual Meeting: On Credentials. on Publication, on Auditing, on Resolutions and on Courtesies.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee, Press Superintendent and State Historian shall meet in joint session previous to the Annual Meeting, to prepare

a plan of work to be submitted to the said Annual Meeting, and shall hold another meeting at the close of these to complete arrangements for the ensuing year's work.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of of the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

### ON CREDENTIALS.

SECTION 1. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of two or more, of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall be Chairman. They shall receive and examine credentials of delegates, and approve such as are signed by the President or Secretary of Local Associations represented; shall report to the Convention, setting forth the whole number of delegates present, and in the following order:

1. General Officers.
2. Superintendent of Press Work, State Historian and State Member of National Executive Committee.
3. Delegates from Local Association.

### ON PUBLICATIONS,

SECTION 2. The Committee on Publications shall consist of two or more, shall solicit subscriptions for Suffrage Papers, shall provide for the publication of the minutes and all other papers ordered to be published by the Convention. The Recording Secretary shall be Chairman of this Committee.

### ON RESOLUTIONS.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Resolutions shall consist of three and shall perform the duties usual to such committee.

### ON COURTESIES.

SECTION 4. The Committee on Courtesies shall have charge of all introductions to the Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

All documents and announcements from General Officers shall be sent to each Local Auxiliary.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The expenses of the General Officers and the Press Superintendent, in traveling to and from the Convention, also postage and stationery shall be paid from the State Treasury.

## ARTICLE IX.

### BOOK OF REFERENCE.

Roberts' Rules of Order are adopted as a Book of Reference on points of Parliamentary Law.

## ARTICLE X.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting.

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# REPORT

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## Twentieth Annual Convention

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# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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The Executive Committee met Thursday morning, November 11, at 9:30 at the Assembly Room of the Public Library, where all of the business sessions were held.

President, Miss Laura Clay, in the chair.

It was voted to recommend: That we present to the Legislature a bill providing for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children equal with fathers.

That we ask the Legislature to so amend the State Constitution as to give the full right of suffrage to all women of Kentucky on the same terms as men.

That we endeavor to have women placed on the boards of all educational, charitable and punitive institutions of the State.

Tnat we leave the work for school suffrage in the hands of the Woman's Club.

That we continue to make increase of membership our principal work.

Committee rose.

## MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises by the President.

Voted that the program be made the order of business.

Recording Secretary gave verbal report of business done by the Executive Committee since last annual session.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

Credentials—Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Publication—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck.

Resolutions—Mrs. Alice White, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Courtesies—Miss Emma Hast.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

First Vice President Mrs. Mary B. Clay was not present, but sent greetings and an offering of five dollars.

Second Vice President Mrs. M. C. Cramer told of the Seattle convention and the many courtesies extended to the delegates all along the route to Seattle.

Third Vice President Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, not present.

Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Mary C. Roark, at present Acting President of the Normal School of Eastern Kentucky, was not able to attend, but sent greetings and the suggestion that this association offer prizes for the best essays on woman's suffrage at the principal schools of the State.

Recording Secretary Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck related her unsuccessful endeavors to have the different labor unions in her vicinity pass resolutions endorsing woman's suffrage.

Treasurer Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard reported a steady improvement in the finances of the association.

State Historian Mrs. M. B. Reynolds not present and sent no report, but it was voted that a very interesting paper on woman's suffrage, written by Miss Perle Penfield, and sent by the Historian be read by the Secretary.

Ashland report read by Miss Laura White.

Campbell County report read by Mrs. Rebecca Winkless.

Louisville report read by Mrs. John D. White.

Kenton County verbal report by Mrs. I. H. Shepard.

Madison County report read by Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Fayette County report read by Mrs. M. C. Cramer.

Committee on Credentials gave partial report.

Voted to accept the recommendations of the Plan of Work Committee to leave the Legislative work for school suffrage in the hands of the Woman's Club.

Voted that we beseech the Legislature to submit to the voters of Kentucky an amendment to the State Constitution giving all women of the State full suffrage.

Voted that we endeavor to obtain for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children equal with fathers.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2:30.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Prof. W. S. Giltner.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Voted that we continue our efforts to have women placed on the boards of all educational, charitable and punitive institutions.

Report of the Covington Equal Rights Association was read.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, member of the National Executive Committee, read a most comprehensive report of the Seattle convention.

A most cordial welcome was extended to the convention from the Outdoor Art League of Louisville, by Mrs. John B. Castleman.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield gave most heartfelt greetings from the Reverend Anna Shaw, the Louisville E. R. A. and from the future workers in the cause, the professional women, who are not at present members of the Equal Rights Association.

Our President responded by thanking the Louisville members

for their most sincere addresses of welcome and then proceeded to give her always interesting annual report.

The convention adjourned to attend a most delightful reception at the Woman's Club.

## FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises by the President.

Minutes of preceding session read and approved.

Voted that the program continue to be the order of business.

Mrs. I. H. Shepard, Treasurer, gave her report.

Voted that the Treasurer's report be received and placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

The Chairman appointed as Auditors Miss Laura White and Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.

Miss Laura Clay, Chairman of Committee on Church Work, reported good work done in that department. One of the most important things done was the endeavor to obtain for women the full rights and privileges of the laity in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the Woman's Home Mission Society.

A communication was received from the Louisville Typograpical Union, No. 10, asking that we pass resolutions endorsing the work of the union, the stand they have taken with regard to women and pledge ourselves to have none but union men do our printing.

After much discussion it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to the Louisville Typographical Union, No. 10, expressing the appreciation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association for any work it may do in behalf of woman's suffrage, but stating that it is not the policy of this association to pledge itself to any other organization.

Miss Laura White, Chairman of the Committee on Peace and Arbitration, gave a most full and interesting report on the progress of the peace movement.

It was voted that Miss Laura White be requested to condense her report and an effort be made to have it published in the local press.

Final report of Credentials Committee was read and accepted.

Voted that the Secretary prepare a resolution on the death of Miss Anna B. Morgan, of Newport.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted.

Convention then proceeded with election of officers.

Chair appointed as tellers Miss Emma Hast and Mrs. John D. White.

Officers elected were:

President—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

First Vice President—Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Third Vice President—Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport.

Treasurer—Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Covington.

The newly elected officers were declared the officers of the corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association for the next three years.

Voted that Mrs. Mary E. Giltner be re-elected State member of the National Executive Committee.

The following were elected as delegates to the National convention:

Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Miss Laura White, Mrs. James A. Leech, Miss Emma Hast, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Prof. W. S. Giltner, Miss Virginia P. Robinson.

Alternates—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. John D. White, Mrs. Alma D. Borgman, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Mrs. C. B. Robinson, Mrs. Letcher Riker, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield.

Voted that the alternates fill the vacancies in the order in which they were elected.

Voted that the members of the delegation to the National convention be empowered to fill any vancancies from members of the Kentucky E. R. A. there present.

Voted that a resolution on the death of Mr. Henry Blackwell be draw up and passed by this convention.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Executive Committee met at 2 o'clock, Miss Clay presiding.

It was decided to recommend the election of Mrs. Lucy A. Nield as State Historian and Miss Emma Dolfinger as Superintendent of Press Work.

Committee rose.

Convention resumed at 2:30 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Prof. W. S. Giltner.

Minutes of morning session read, corrected and approved.

Voted that the nominations of the Executive Committee for Mrs. Lucy A. Nield as State Historian and Miss Emma Dolfinger as Press Superintendent be confirmed.

Voted that the selection of the Adivsory Board to the Executive Committee be left until a later time.

Report of Press Superintendent read and accepted.

The convention passed the following resolution, presented by Prof. W. S. Giltner, on the death of Rev. Henry Blackwell: "That in his death the cause of Woman's Suffrage has lost one of its ablest advocates. From his earliest manhood to his latest breath, in times of bitterest hostility, he ever stood calmly and firmly as the advocate of equal rights of woman to all the privileges and honors of full citizenship. That this convention tender to his daughter its tenderest condolences."

Rev. Anna Shaw addressed the convention and recited an incident of her last meeting with Rev. Henry Blackwell, showing his unimpared energy to the last, and that he was old only in years.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Chairman of the Committee on Industrial Problems affecting Women and Children, gave a very interesting report of the methods used in effecting reforms along this line.

Voted that the appointment of chairman of the special committees be left to the Executive Committee.

The chair announced that the Woman's Club would give a reception to the Rev. Anna Shaw this afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock at the club rooms and that all members of the convention were invited.

Miss Virginia P. Robinson, who was to have spoken on the

Seattle convention, asked to speak instead on the Collegiate Suffrage Association. Her talk was much enjoyed and the convention gratified to learn of the interest being taken in Woman's Suffrage by collegiate women.

A most brilliant paper on the "Religious Duty of Women to Ask for the Ballot" was read by Mrs. S. C. Bennett, of Richmond.

The Secretary explained to the convention that the regular dues paid from the local clubs sufficed for the immediate expenses of the association, but that money was needed for propaganda, and that those who wished to do so could now make free will offerings for the cause.

Those who gave offerings were:

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| Mrs. Mary B. Clay | $ 5 00 |
| Mrs. Mary E. Giltner | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Rebecca Winkless | 5 00 |
| Miss Laura Clay | 10 00 |
| (To be used for national dues.) | |
| Campbell County E. R. A. | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Lucy A. Nield | 10 00 |
| (To be used for national dues.) | |
| Mrs. Lucy A. Nield | 10 00 |
| Miss Laura Clay | 10 00 |
| Louisville E. R. A. | 5 00 |
| Miss Margaret Weisinger | 5 00 |
| Total | $70 00 |

It was voted that Mrs. Mary C. Roark's suggestion as to offering a money prize for the best essay on Woman's Suffrage to the different prominent colleges of Kentucky be adopted, and the disposition be left to the Executive Committee.

A pledge of $10.00 was offered by Miss Virginia P. Robinson, from the Educational Equal Suffrage League, toward the prize essay on condition that a certain lecture given under the League's auspices proved successful.

The following resolution on the death of Miss Anna B. Morgan, of Newport, was presented and passed:

That in the death of Miss Anna B. Morgan the Kentucky

Equal Rights Association has lost one of its most faithful advocates and earnest workers. She stood ready, at all times, to render such assistance as was most efficasious to the cause of Woman's Suffrage. That this convention express to her niece its most painful sense of loss and extend to her its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy.
sense of loss and extend to her its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Rev. Anna Shaw spoke briefly on the importance of working earnestly and securing signatures for our great petition to Congress.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions, which were considered and adopted singly:

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association thank the Board of Directors of the Louisville Public Library for allowing the use of the Assembly Room for our business meetings and their unfailing courtesy to the convention.

Resolved, That we extend, also, our sincere thanks for the free use of the lecture room of the Temple Adath Israel.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the courtesy extended to our National President, Rev. Anna Shaw, by the Woman's Club.

Resolved, That we thank the Louisville press for the full and impartial reports of our meetings.

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to the Louisville E. R. A. and Educational Equal Suffrage League for the delightful reception given us on Thursday; to the speakers who have appeared on our platform for their words of encouragement; to the public for their enthusiastic greeting of Rev. Anna Shaw, and finally to all those who in any manner contributed to the success of our convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alice H. White,
Mrs. C. Cramer,
Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Convention adjourned.

Executive Committee met Saturday morning, November 13, 1909, at 9 o'clock, Miss Clay presiding.

Voted that the Fayette County E. R. A. have entire charge of bill to have women on the boards of all State educational, charitable and punitive institutions.

Voted that the propagation of the other legislative work be left to the Frankfort committee.

Voted that Miss Laura White be Chairman of the Peace Committee.

Voted that Mrs. Lucy A. Nield be Chairman of Committee on Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay be Chairman of the Committee on Church Work.

Appropriations were made as follows:

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| Printing of programs | $ 20 00 |
| Expenses of Rev. Anna Shaw | 45 00 |
| Hotel bills | 22 15 |
| R. R. fare of officers | 16 00 |
| Stationery and postage for Press Supt | 30 00 |
| Printing minutes | 20 00 |
| Printing enrollment cards | 5 00 |
| Postage for Recording Secretary | 2 00 |
| Postage for Treasurer | 2 00 |
| For legislative work | 75 00 |
| For prizes | 30 00 |
| For Organizer (from pledges) | 50 00 |
| Total | $317 15 |

Committee rose.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
*Recording Secretary.*

## EVENING SESSIONS.

At the evening sessions no business was transacted, they being entirely given up to addresses and lectures. On Thursday evening the meeting was held in the commodious lecture room of the Temple Adath Israel. After the opening of the meeting with prayer, Mrs. Chas. P. Weaver, of the National Educational Association, gave a short talk on the deplorable condition found in

some of the rural school districts of Kentucky, and the real necessity of school suffrage for women to better these conditions. Judge George DuRelle spoke encouragingly of the growing sentiment for Woman's Suffrage. Rev. Anna Shaw then delivered her address on "Social Heredity." She was, as always, incomparable and kept her audience intersely interested and delighted.

The meeting on Friday evening was held at the Auditorium of the Woman's Club, which was crowded to the doors. Mrs. James A. Leech, President of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, gave a most cordial address of greeting. Mr. Thurston Ballard spoke of "Women's Influence in Bettering Industrial Conditions." Mrs. C. B. Robinson told of the necessity of the Woman's Club and Suffrage Association working hand in hand, and of the advantage it would be to both. Rev. Anna Shaw was again the principal speaker of the evening. Her lecture was on Woman Democracy. She engaged the attention of this large audience, which never seemed to lose interest in her talk, and kept them fully entertained while instructing them.

This concluded the sessions of this very successful convention of 1909, and added a large number of converts to the Louisville Equal Rights Association.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF KENTUCKY E. R. A.

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| *Annual Dues from Local Associations—* | | |
| To Balance January 1, 1909 | | $201 53 |
| Ashland—State—(30) | $10 50 | |
| Ashland, Enrolled (15) | 1 50 | |
| Campbell County (50) | 17 50 | |
| Covington E. R. Association (90) | 31 50 | |
| Harrodsburg (1) | 1 00 | |
| Kenton County Association (10) | 3 50 | |
| Lancaster (1) | 1 00 | |
| Lexington—State (110) | 38 50 | |
| Lexington, Enrolled (106) | 10 60 | |
| Louisville—State (60) | 21 00 | |
| Richmond—State (205) | 71 75 | |

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| Richmond, Enrolled (53) | 5 30-- | 213 65 |
| Miss Laura White | | 10 00 |
| Louisville E. R. Association, for Program | | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Avery (State work) | | 100 00 |
| Richmond—Mrs. J. Philps | $5 00 | |
| Mrs. Bennett | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. McCann | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Wiggins | 1 00-- | 16 00 |
| Returned by Dr. Louise Southgate | | 6 10 |
| Donation | | 95 |
| | | $558 23 |

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| Feb. 3—Printing cards | | $ 4 25 |
| Printing minutes | | 20 60 |
| Postage to Secretary | | 2 00 |
| Circulars | | 5 25 |
| Stationery, etc.; press work | | 10 00 |
| Rev. Anna Shaw, two lectures | | 45 00 |
| Programs | | 20 00 |
| Cards | | 4 25 |
| Traveling and hotel expenses | | 38 15 |
| Annual dues to National Association | | 90 10 |
| State | 557 | |
| Enrolled | 344—901 | |
| Total | | $239 60 |
| Cash Balance January 1, 1910 | | 318 63 |
| | | $558 23 |

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

I took charge of the Press Work for the Kentucky E. R. A. in June, 1909. I have found some difficulty in getting material to send to the papers.

During the National convention I received no communication from Warren, nor during the removal of headquarters to New York.

I have sent suffrage matter to forty Kentucky papers. Some of the editors have been kind enough to send me a marked copy of newspapers containing suffrage paragraphs.

To date I have sent out—

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| Leaflets on suffrage | 60 |
| Typewritten current events | 72 |
| Progress (marked copies) | 36 |
| Letters written | 8 |

I have purchased—

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| Envelopes and paper | $ 55 |
| Postage stamps | 2 35 |
| Total | $3 90 |

Received from Treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Shepard—

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| Material purchased | 3 90 |
| | $ 6 10 |

Leaving a balance on hand of $6.10 to the credit of the Association.

Very truly yours,

LOUISE SOUTHGATE,
*Supt. of Press Work.*

## REPORT OF MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE N. A. W. S. A.

### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The 41st annual convention of the N. A. W. S. A. opened in Plymouth Church, Seattle, Wash., on the afternoon of July 1st, Rev. Anna H. Shaw presiding.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Margaret Platt, of the West Washington W. C. T. U.

Mrs. B. B. Lord gave the address of welcome of the grange report.

Mrs. DeVoe, the State President, emphasized the need of educating the public on the question and hoped the National con-

vention would be a great help to them. She also spoke of the beautiful evergreen badges with letters in gold, "Votes for Women." These pins were given free to all the delegates.

The evening meeting was presided over by Mrs. Rachael Foster Avery. The invocation was delivered by A. Norman Ward, pastor of the Methodist Church. Miss Goodner sang a solo. The address of welcome from the city of Seattle to the suffragists was delivered by Mayor John F. Miller. He said the women here have all the rights of the men except the ballot, but if the ballot were in the hands of the women, and it would eliminate corruption and stand for honesty in public office, I would stand strongly for woman suffrage.

Mrs. Henry Villard, always surrounded by friends who worship her for her sweetness and womanly charms, gave a response from the National Association.

One of the most popular speakers of the evening was Mrs. Harriett Taylor Upton.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Upton's address, Mrs. Rachael Foster Avery introduced Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, our beloved National President, and as this little gray-haired woman stepped into place at the foot of the platform, the church rang out with a storm of applause that gave hearty evidence of what that audience thought of their great suffragist leader.

Miss Shaw spoke long and eloquently on the cause to which she is devoting her life and money. Two ladies who had recently returned from London, where they attended several suffrage meetings, arose and proposed that the assembly give three cheers for Miss Shaw, which were long and loud.

Miss Shaw said that at the recent meeting of the International Women Suffrage Alliance in London, Mrs. Catt presided in such a masterly way and with such power and dignity as to command universal respect. Of the militant women of England, Miss Shaw said: "We may not accept every method they use, but we all have reason to be grateful to them, for this is a world-wide movement, not for women suffrage only, but for human freedom."

Reports showed a great increase and interest in the work. In no previous presidential campaign in the United States were the

views of candidates and the enfranchisement of women ever so generally commented upon by the press.

The legislative work of our members in the various States was marked by earnestness, determination and careful planing for the future. There were many endorsements. To summarize, 29 National Associations have endorsed women suffrage, 14 others have taken action on some phase of the question, 20 State Federations of Labor, 16 State Granges and 7 State Letter-carriers' Associations have endorsed it.

The second day of the convention opened with the Auditor's report, given by Miss Laura Clay, and the Treasurer's report by Mrs. Harriett Taylor Upton.

Reports were then given from the three States where suffrage amendments are pending. Mrs. Duniway spoke for Oregon, Mrs. Everett Johnson for South Dakota, and Mrs. DeVoe for Washington.

Industrial reports were reported by Mrs. Florence Kelly as to relations affecting women and children. Since the Buffalo convention fourteen States have considered bills to shorten the hours for woman labor, five have passed bills making more or less improvements. In spite of all our efforts the number of child laborers in the United States is constantly growing. It means the sacrifice of thousands of young lives.

One of the most brilliant meetings of the convention was the college evening, Miss Shaw presiding.

Mrs. Lexow, of New York, reported the great growth in the colleges. The National League now has twenty-four branches in seventeen States, and twenty-five chapters in twenty-five colleges now have a total membership of between two and three thousand.

Our National petitions were taken up and discussed as to how to get the most signatures. The delegate from Utah said that State would send 20,000 names. Extracts were read from a letter from Mrs. Catt, in which she laid stress upon the importance of rolling up a very large petition.

As usual, our Treasurer, Mrs. Upton, took the floor, and in about twenty minutes raised $3,000. Like everything else, it takes money to run things, and Mrs. Upton is one that can get it.

The final mass meeting packed the Plymouth Church to the doors and thus closed this great convention. The following day all the representative women attended the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition, where an elaborate program was given. Rev. Anna Shaw presided at the auditorium. Prayer by Dr. Sidney Strong was followed by welcome from J. E. Chilberg, the President of the exposition. Many other speakers took part. Wagner's band rendered selections at intervals.

Dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock at "The Firs" Y. M. C. A. buildings on the grounds. The seating was so arranged so that the delegates of the several States occupied the same tables, and at each table there was one of the women of the Washington State Suffrage Association, and this function marked the farewell to the National convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. GILTNER.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### ASHLAND E. R. A.

In the past year our little band has not accomplished what it would like to have, but did what it could, and is still active in the work for Woman's Rights.

Held six meetings during the year, with an average attendance of eight.

Lost by death two of our most worthy members, Mr. W. H. Bagley and Mrs. A. L. Eba.

Secured many names to the petition. The literature distributed was educational and won for the cause a number of substantial persons.

Had Miss Perle Penfield with us two or three days, and she lectured at Ashland, Catlettsburg, Greenup and Oakview.

Sent two delegates to the State convention at Louisville.

Close the year's work with a paid membership of twenty-four.

We appreciate the efforts of all co-workers everywhere, and may God hasten the cause for which we are laboring.

MRS. J. W. KING, *President.*

ANNA T. HORD, *Secretary.*

CAMPBELL COUNTY E. R. A.

The C. C. E. R. A. held ten business meetings during the past year, also several social meetings.

We had Miss Penfield, an organizer, who lectured for us in Bellevue to a large audience in the Calvary Methodist Church. Many signed the enrollment cards, but seemed not ready to form a club. She also gave parlor talks at Southgate and one in Newport, where we also got enrolled members and some donations.

Our members have worked very hard for the petition for an amendment to the National Constitution, which shall enable women to vote.

Our President sent a great deal of literature relating to Peace Day to the Superintendent of the Newport schools.

During the year we lost Anna B. Morgan, one of our most faithful members. Being frail and delicate for years, she could not hold any office or attend meeting held outside of her home, so our club would meet with her. We feel that we can never replace her bright mind and sweetness of disposition. If there was any work that she could do, she did it well. Would that there were more like her. She will always remain a sweet memory with us.

We close this year with a paid membership of fifty and send six delegates to the State convention to be held in Louisville, November 11th and 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH L. SPRING, *Secretary.*

COVINGTON E. R. A.

The Covington Equal Rights Association can report the most interesting year of its existence.

Vice Presidents were elected to act as Chairmen at the monthly meetings, taking entire charge of the programme, inviting guests, and conducting the meeting from start to finish. In this way no one was overworked and a delightful meeting in each case was the result.

A girls' basket ball team was formed under the auspices of this Association called the Equal Rights Team. They did fine work and put $43 into our treasury.

The Covington Equal Rights and the Susan B. Anthony Club

of Cincinnati gave a banquet at the Havlin Hotel on Miss Anthony's birthday. It was a grand success.

Mrs. Kate Trimble Woolsey has been with us at two of our meetings.

Peace Day was observed in the public schools here. An elaborate programme, consisting of talks by ministers and others on the significance of the day, music, etc., was given.

Respectfully,

N. S. McLaughlin, *Secretary.*

FAYETTE COUNTY E. R. A.

This has been a splendid year for our Association. We have had nine meetings, composed of reading, music and lectures; also sent to the Reform School different forms of entertainment.

Many new members have come to us; have now one hundred and ninety. Our Association has been the fashion in the United State and we will double our numbers next year. Many young people are joining our ranks.

Our new President is Miss Linda Neville.

No deaths or removals to report.

In the early dawn I see the day swiftly coming, when all women and men will have equal rights, not only before God, but before man also. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Wellington Payne,

*Secretary.*

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF LOUISVILLE.

Our Association reports a year of active work and increased membership.

Persons who have especially contributed to our prosperity and to whom our gratitude is due are: Miss Hamilton, Mr. Yust, the Public Librarian; Miss Hast, our President; Mrs. Ethel Snowden, the charming English suffragette; Mrs. Maud Wood Park, of Boston, who organized the Equal Suffrage League of College Women, and finally the co-operation of the very efficient members of that League.

We have had six regular meetings; the one on February 15th being an Anthony memorial meeting. We have had three lectures here. One by Miss Perle Penfield, one by Mrs. Desha Breckin-

ridge, and another by Miss Mary McDowell, of Chicago.

The Collegiate Equal Suffrage League has worked with our Association; many of our meetings being joint meetings, and much of the success of the convention is due to them.

I have to report sixty-seven members as against a list of twenty-nine last year.

ALICE HARRIS WHITE.

MADISON COUNTY E. R. A.

We have in our Association 273 members, each of whom has become a life member by signing one of our enrollment cards. We have 70 men and 203 women, divided into two classes, accessibl and inaccessible members. Accessible are those we ask if they desire to make a donation of money to our cause once a year, and only once. The inaccessible are those to whom we would have to write and from whom we do not expect a donation.

We have 199 accessible members and 74 inaccessible. From the 92 accessible members, who have been asked thus far this year, I have obtained $77.05, which I have paid to the State treasurer. On my return to Richmond I shall ask the other accessible members to make their donations. We find the enrollment cards a most valuable adjunct in increasing membership.

SARAH CLAY BENNETT.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee has examined the Treasurer's books and receipts and found them correct. The books show a balance of $371.78.

LAURA R. WHITE, *Chairman.*
MARY E. GILTNER.

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# REPORTS

OF THE

## Twenty-First and Twenty-Second

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

OF THE

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HELD AT

COVINGTON, NOVEMBER 14–15–16, 1910

AND

LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER 25, 1911

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Twenty-First

## ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HELD AT

## COVINGTON IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING

## November 14 15-16, 1910

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Met at 9 o'clock A. M. Tuesday November 15.

Discussion as to the advisability of extending an invitation to the National association to hold the annual convention of National American Woman's Suffrage Association at Louisville Ky. in 1911. Letter from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was read announcing that the International Alliance would hold their Annual meeting at Stockholm, Sweden in June.

Letter from the National Association to the state president was read asking the opinion of the convention as to changing the entire plan of organization. Whether it is still well to make payment of dues and attendance at meetings a requisite of membership.

It was decided to recommend that the convention suggest to the National association that membership be entirely disassociated from the payment of dues and attendance at meetings and in short recommend our own Kentucky plan.

That our officers as now elected may serve on the national committees.

We suggest that the convention recommend to the National association that the department of literature be made self supporting.

The offering of money prizes for the essays on woman's suffrage was discussed at length.

## MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President, Miss Laura Clay.

Program was made the order of business.

Report of the Executive committee was accepted.

### Reports of officers.

1st Vice-president, Mrs. Mary B. Clay told of the plan used in Richmond for furthering the cause of woman's suffrage, the offering of cash prizes in the colleges and high schools for the best essay on suffrage.

2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer told of an immense meeting at Lexington in the cause of School suffrage and recommended having them in all parts of the state.

Other officers gave short verbal reports of work done by them.

Voted that the chair appoint all committees.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials:—Mrs. I. H. Shepard and Mrs. H. L. Spring.

Publications:—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck and Dr. Louise Southgate.

Courtesies:—Mrs. M. B. Reynolds and Mrs. Highton.

Resolutions:—Mrs. John B. Castleman, Miss Luella Boyd and Mrs. Sarah Charles.

Report of the committee on church work was given by the chairman; Miss Laura Clay.

Reports were received from the following Local Associations.

Ashland ..... Miss Laura White

Campbell County ..... Mrs. H. L. Spring

Covington ..... Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin

Fayette County ..... Mrs. M. C. Cramer
Louisville ..... Mrs. Castelman
Madison County ..... Mrs. S. C. Bennett
Mercer County .....Mrs. Francis Simrall Riker
Muldraugh ..... Mrs Teed Withers Smith
Kenton County ..... Mrs. I. H. Shepard

Discussion of the plan of work followed. It was voted that we recommend to the National association what our plan of work committee suggested in regard to changing the methods of organization, namely; that we no longer make payment of dues and attendance at meetings a requisite of membership voted that the department of literature of the National Association be made self supporting.

Secretary read Miss Alice Stone Blackwell's reply to Mr. Richard Barry's article in the Ladies Home Journal.

Treasurer's report was made, and placed in the hands of the auditors Miss Laura White and Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened at 2 o'clock with Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

President Miss Laura Clay gave her annual address. She said our greatest cause of rejoicing at present was that we have attained another state in the ranks of full Suffrage, that is Washington.

Report of the Press Superintendant was read and accepted.

Letter was read from Miss Agnes Ryan, Business Manager of the Woman's Journal, asking for subscriptions to that paper

Adjourned.

### Wednesday November 16.

### PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE met at 9 o'clock.

Moved that we recommend to the convention: That the convention appoint a chairman of Prize contests.

That $10.00 be made the maximum prize for essays on woman's suffrage.

That we ask the legislature for a constitutional amendment giving women full suffrage.

That the legislative committee be instructed to have the dominant party in the legislature introduce the bill for the constitutional amendment.

That women be placed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

That our state association establish a Lecture Bureau of Kentucky Suffragists.

That the names for the candidates for the Lecture Bureau be submitted to the Executive commitee.

Moved that we ask the convention to rule that each local association be allowed to elect its own delegates to the National convention at the rate of one delegate for each 100 paid up members. That when associations have parts of the hundred over their own neccessary 100, these parts be given to the Executive committee and be apportioned to such associations as have not 100 members.

Committee rose.

## MORNING SESSION.

Convention was opened with a prayer by our National President Rev. Anna Shaw.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Voted that the privileges of the floor be extended to the Rev. Anna Shaw.

Voted that a vote of thanks be given to Rev. Anna Shaw for her lectures and that we wish her God speed on her journey home.

Moved that the convention ask the National American Woman's Suffrage Association to hold its annual convention of 1911 at Louisville Ky. Passed by a unanimous rising vote.

The National President, Rev. Anna Shaw, being present the invitation was at once graciously accepted.

Voted that the recommendation of the Plan of Work committee as to the selection of dele gates to the National convention be accepted.

Madison County volunteered to help Harrodsburg, Fayette County to help Kenton County etc.

Voted that if our delegation is not full at the opening of the National convention, they be allowed to fill any vacancy from the members of the Ky. E. R. A. there present.

Report of Credentials committee read and accepted.

Reports of the previous National convention was read by the state member of the National Executive committee Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.

The convention then proceeded to the election of officers.

The chair appointed as tellers Mrs. H. L. Spring and Dr. Louise Southgate.

The election resulted as follows:

President, Miss Laura Clay ..... Lexington
1st Vice-president, Mrs. Mary B. Clay ..... Richmond
2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer ... Lexington
3rd Vice-president, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin .. Covington
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Mary C. Roark Richmond
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck . Newport
Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard ..... Covington

It was moved that the state member of the National Executive committee be elected by ballot. Motion lost.

Voted that the state member of the National Executive committee be chosen by acclamation and Mrs. Mary E. Giltner was the choice of the convention.

It was moved by Mrs. Weaver that the convention extend fraternal greetings to the Executive board of the Federation of Woman's clubs which meets in Lexington this week Carried.

Miss Linda Neville of Lexington gave a report of the legislative work done by the Fayette County E. R. A. in regard to the appointment of a woman physician at the Insane Asylums.

Voted that the convention thank the merchants of Covington for the beautiful decorations in our honor.

Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the president.

The Executive Board suggested the following nominations. Miss Margaret Weisinger, Superintendent of Press Work, with leave of absence for six months; Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, chairman of the Educational committee; Miss Laura White chairman of committee on Peace and Arbitration; Mrs. A. M. Harrison, chairman of committee on church work; Mrs. Lucy A. Nield chairman of committee on Industrial problems affecting women and children.

Convention accepted and ratified these nominations.

Voted that the Executive Board be made the Legislative Committee.

Voted that the office of State Historian be continued.

Dr. Louise Southgate was selected as state Historian.

Mrs. Weaver explained to the convention the object and use of the little leaflets written by Mrs. Decha Breckinridge to interest the general public in school suffrage.

The following Associations purchased the leaflets for distribution: Ashland, 50, Campbell, County, 50, Covington 100, Madison County, 100, Mercer County 50, Kenton County 50.

This resolution was offered by Dr. Louise Southgate:

Resolved, that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in convention at Covington extend cordial greetings to the Ky. State Federations of Colored Women's Clubs.

Voted that the secretary be instructed to convey greetings to the Ky. State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Mary C. Cramer reported excellent work done by the legislative Committee.

A good talk on "Why should woman have the Ballot" by Mrs. Teed Withers Smith was carefuly listened to by the convention.

Voted that a chairman of the prize contest committee be elected.

Miss Viriginia Robinson was elected chairman of prize contest committee.

Voted that the maximum prize offered be $10.00.

Voted that we ask the next legislature for a constitutional amendment giving women full suffrage on the same terms as men.

Voted that the legislative committee be instructed to have the dominant party introduce our constitutional amendment bill, if possible.

Voted that we work to have women placed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

Voted that a Lecture Bureau be established.

Voted that the names of Candidates for the Lecture Bureau be submitted to the Executive comittee.

Dr. Louise Southgate delivered an excellent address on the "Sisterhood of Woman."

The secretary asked for free will offerings for state work in our cause and the convention responded most liberally.

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| Mrs. Mary B. Clay | $5.00 |
| Mrs. Mary E. Giltner | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Mary Trimble | 5.00 |
| Miss Laura Clay | 5.00 |
| Mrs. S. C. Bennett | 5.00 |
| Miss Laura White | 5.00 |
| Campbell County E. R. A. | 5.00 |
| Ashland E. R. A. | 5.00 |
| Mrs. John Castleman | 4.00 |
| Mrs. M. B. Reynolds | 1.00 |

(to be followed by 4.00 more during the year)

Miss Laura White reported great strides made during the past year for Peace and Arbitration.

The printing of the programs being donated by Mrs. K. R. Wiggins of Richmond to Mrs. N. S. Mc Laughlin of Covington, Mrs. McLaughlin in turn donated this to the state, to be used as dues for enrolled members.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. McLaughlin.

The resolutions offered by the committee were read and adopted.

Voted that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Convention adjourned.

## REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Executive committee met Wednesday evening November 16 at 8 o'clock.

The appropriations made were:

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| National dues | $95.00 |
| Rev. Anna Shaw | 45.00 |
| Officers Traveling Expense | 15.50 |
| Printing Programs | 3.00 |
| Printing Enrollment cards | 5.00 |
| Printing Leaflets | 6.00 |
| Printing Stationery | 5.00 |
| Postage | 6.00 |
| Printing Minutes | 20.00 |
| Press Work | 10.00 |

Voted that if Miss Virginia Robinson be unable to accept chairmanship of Prize Contest committee we endeavour to have Mrs. Mary C. Roark accept same.

Voted that the state offer to pay the hotel expenses of the official board of National association and the rent of the Hall for the National convention at Louisville.

The following names were proposed as members of our Lecture Bureau.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge
Mrs. Chas. P. Weaver
Mrs. A. M. Harrison
Mrs. Eleanor Tarrant Little
Mrs. Lucy A. Nield
Mrs. S. C. Bennett
Mrs. Mary C. Roark.

Voted to appropriate $100.00 for the Lecture Bureau.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Mary C. Cramer attend the conference of Governors at Frankfort.

Voted that our president, Miss Laura Clay go to Louisville to make all neccessary arrangements for the National Convention.

Voted that the president be empowered to use whatever

money is neccessary for the preliminary arrangements for the National convention, up to $200.00.

Committee rose.

## EVENING MEETINGS.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings the convention rested from their arduous labors of the day and were most delightfully and profitably entertained with lectures by the Rev. Anna Shaw. On Monday evening there were addresses of welcome and charming music preceeding Miss Shaw's lecture which was enjoyed by a large and attentive audience. On Tuesday evening there was a larger audience, if possible, than the night before. During her lecture, Miss Shaw offered to answer the questions upon which anyone in the audience required enlightenment. Many questions were asked and her clear, capable answers, at the same time so full of wit, convinced the "doubting Thomases" that the suffragists usually know where of they speak.

## REPORTS.

**Treasurer's Report for 1910.**

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| To Balance, January 1, 1910 | | $320.63 |
| Pledges for 1910—Newport | $ 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Winkless | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. M. B. Clay | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Giltner | 5 00 | |
| Miss Laura Clay | 10 00 | |
| Miss Laura White | 10 00 | |
| | | 40 00 |
| Annual Dues from Local E.R. Ass'ns. | | |
| Ashland | 12 30 | |
| Campbell Co. | 30 80 | |
| Covington E. R. Ass'n | 35 00 | |
| Harrodsburg | 3 50 | |
| Kenton Co. | 3 50 | |
| Lexington | 105 35 | |
| Louisville | 21 00 | |
| Louisville Enrolled members | 5.50 | |

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| Richmond | 75 95 | |
| Richmond | 9 00 | |
| Muldraugh | 3 50 | |
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| | | $666 03 |

By Disbursments:

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| Legislative work | 12 81 |
| Printing minutes | 18 00 |
| Postage | 4 00 |
| Dues to N'l Ass'n Enrolledmembers | 5.50 |
| | $40 31 |
| Balance November 16, 1910 | 625 72 |
| | 666 03 |

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### Ashland E. R. A.

There were 5 meetings held this year with an average attendance of 17 members.

Our President, Miss Laura White. sent Peace Literature to the Ashland Schools, and it was observed in some way by the several rooms.

We have a paid membership of 30, and 18 enrolled members.

We are small in numbers, weak in popularity, but we are genuine suffragists, and thoroughly enjoy every meeting, and hope soon to swell the shout of Victory and freedom that will come to our Native Women.

Respectfully,
Mrs. W. H. Bagley, Secretary.

### Campbell County E. R. A.

The Campbell County Equal Rights Association held eleven meetings during the year one of which was of a social nature. Our society was well represented at the Banquet given at the Grand Hotel in Cincinnati by the Susan B. Anthony Club. We

also turned out with a large number at the Hotel Alms where we heard bright women, from every state in the Union, tell of the progress that Suffrage is making.

Our Association failed in our request to have the graduating class compete for a prize to be given for best essay on "Why we should have Suffrage" to be read at the Commencement. The Superintendent wrote us a very lengthy letter, why we were refused and to most of us his reasons seemed very just.

We have distributed a great deal of Literature and have gained several new members. We have one hundred and nineteen enrolled members and have eighty-eight paid up members. We send nine delegates to the Convention.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Hannah L. Spring Secretary.

**Fayette Co. E. R A.**

The Fayette Equal Rights Association has had only a few meetings, but has done much work through committees.

It rejoices in the success of its efforts to get the appointment of a woman physician at the Eastern Kentucky Insane Asylum, at the great interest that has been aroused in the matter of granting to women the right to vote in school elections—an interest due in part to the efforts of the Fayette Association, and thirdly in the increase of membership from one hundred and ten to three hundred and one.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Wellington Payne, Secretary.

**Meade County E. R. A.**

The Meade Co. E. R. A. was organized at Muldraugh with 70 members, 15 of which were men, one of them our legislator Mr. L. F. Withers. Had several meetings in the homes of the different members and one public meeting where there were several speakers. We expect to do much good work in our vicinity.

Respectfully
Mrs. Teed Withers Smith.

## Madison County E. R. A.

The Madison County E. R. A. has done some good work this year. We have now an enrollment of 282 members, some of whom have been very liberal in their donations and active in labor, distributing tracts and cards and expressing their sentiment for the cause on all occasions.

We shall endeavor to have each member promise to secure one new name during the coming year. Many of the students in our State Normal School are interested in the cause and, several debates on this subject have been held in the College chapel, attended by large and enthusiastic audiences.

The Madison Co. E. R. A. offered a prize of $10.00 for the best speech on Woman Suffrage—there were five contestants.

We feel confident that 1911 will be the banner year in our County for the cause of Suffrage, and great credit is due our President, Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, for her liberal donations and untiring efforts in this, her chosen field of labor.

That this Convention may prove a success and blessing to every delegate, that the Spirit of Divine Wisdom may preside over all your deliberations is the most earnest wish of your fellow-laborer,

K. R. Wiggins, Secretary.

## HARRODSBURG E. R. A.

The E. R. A. of Harrodsburg begs leave to report a membership of sixteen with a growing interest within and without its circles. The formal organization has not yet been perfected but as an interested circle. The women in connection pledge themselves to advance the educational, industrial and legal rights of women, and to stand for suffrage both in State and nation to the best of their ability as women—and stand in line for service.

Frances Simrall Riker, Chairman.

## LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

The Woman Suffrage Association of Louisville experienced a new birth after the convention of the State Association, held in Louisville last year. Miss Shaw's two evening meetings aroused

great enthusiasm, and interest was further evoked by a lecture the following week by Mrs. Philip Snowden, of England, under the auspices of the Educational Equal Suffrage League. Later on in the winter various clubs held small mass meetings in the interest of school suffrage, but almost invariably the discussion reached full suffrage before it was concluded.

The good newspaper notices given to the school suffrage campaign, to our own meetings, as well as the straw vote taken by the Herald, which resulted 931 for, 284 against, have been a great benefit to the work.

The president of this Association also made a speech at the State Fair, in the model school building, under the auspices of the federated clubs, and from this building quantities of suffrage flyers and Mrs. Breckenridge's speeches were given out during fair week.

The Association has had one large public meeing this fall, in addition to the small ones, at which Miss Shaw was the speaker. On account of a depleted financial condition, it was necessary to charge an addmission fee of 25c; but even so, the Woman's Club was almost full and receipts more than paid expenses.

The Association registers a membership of 165 in November, 1910, as against 67 in November 1909. It believes that the increase in suffrage sentiment in Louisville is far more general even than is represented by the gain in membership of this Association, and hopes in the coming year to garner in this wide spread interest and make it tell for the efficiency of the Association and for the cause in general.

Respetctfully submitted,

Virginia P. Robinson, President.

## COVINGTON E. R. A.

The Covington Equal Rights club has 136 names enrolled and the list is steadily increasing. The Regular monthly meetings were well attended and the three programme affairs given during the year, were a grand success. At the November meeting, delegates to the Louisvilleconvention were instructed to invite this convention here. In February the club joined the Susan B. Anthony club of Cincinnati in a banquet at the Grand

Hotel. One of our members proposed and began movement toward getting up a banquet to entertain the prominent suffragists, expected to attend the federation of Women's clubs. This movement terminated in a banquet at the Hotel Alms on the evening of May 16, for which 350 tickets were sold so rapidly that days before the event seats could not be secured at a premium, because the hotel management could no accomodate any more. In June at one of the programme meetings resolutions were drafted on regulated vice and—white slavery. These resolutions were built on those framed at the Riggs House, Washington, D. C., by members of our National organization.

## AUDITORS REPORT.

The Auditors have examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct.

S. C. Bennett.
Laura R. White.

### Report of the State Member of National Executive Board

The Forty- second Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association convened in Washington, D. C. from April 14th to 19th inclusive, 1910

Thursday A. M., April 14th, the Executive meeting was called to order by the Chairman, with recommendations from the Official Board, and with roll call of States for new business, which was well attended.

Dr. Shaw, the President, called the first public meeting to order at 2:30 P. M. on the 14th. The Auditorium of the Arlington Hotel was crowded, thus assuring a large and enthusiastic convention. Addresses of welcome were made by Miss Henriette J. Hilton, President of the District Equal Suffrage Association, and by Miss Mabel Foster, President of the District College Equal Franchise League. Responses on behalf of the N. A. W. S. Association were made by Clara B. Arthur, President of Michigan W. S. A., and by Kate M. Gordon, President of Louisiana W. S. A. Reports were made on church work, and on the petitions to Congress. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to State reports.

For the first time in history the President of the United States had been invited to give the Convention a greeting and welcome. While it was known that the President was not an anti-suffragist, yet he was not a strong suffragist, and might not be wholly with us. Therefore it was not expected of him to make an address along those lines, but to extend to the Convention the greeting and welcome of the Capital. Now he said in part: "When I was a school boy sixteen years old and graduated from the Woodward High School in Cincinnati, I took for my subject "Woman Suffrage." My father was a woman suffragist, but since that time I have changed my mind and somewhat modified my views. Now this is my confession of faith, but I am glad to welcome you here. Iam glad to welcome an intelligent body of women, earnest in the discussion of politics; earnest in the question of good government, and earnest and highminded in the cause they are pleading for. I congratulate you on coming to Washington, this most beautiful of cities, to hold your Convention. I trust it may result in every thing you hoped for, and I am sure that the coming together of honest, intelligent and earnest women like these can not but be productive of good."

After the President had left the hall Dr. Shaw replied to some of the criticisms he had made against votes or women. She declared she would "draw a voting line horizontally, not diagonally, and exclude from the privilege of voting not only ignorant women, but also illiterate men." This she thought would help the political situation to right its self.

Dr. Shaw, our National President, in her annual address said in part, that the people of the country were becoming infidel in their principles of Democracy. The suffrage movement, she asserted, was growing and demanded new standards.

At the evening session Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the International Suffrage Alliance, adressed the Convention. At the conclusion of her magnificent speech, the delegates endorsed a motion by Dr. Shaw that her address be printed and sent to every man participating in the governing of the United States. Mrs. Catt received great applause by the whole Convention.

Miss Laura Clay, our State President, told the women what they needed was a new element of character and courage.

On Monday the much talked of petition was carried to Congress at eleven thirty (11:30) A. M. A line of 52 automobiles formed at the Arlington and moved in stately procession up Pennsylvania Avenue. The first two cars were for the officers, and Mrs. Le Droit Barber, chairman of the Committee on Automobiles, drove the front car. Mrs. Helen Gardner was Mrs. Barber's chief aide in securing the machines and in arranging for the procession. Following the officers' car were three from which floated press banners, which represented the different newspapers. The third, engaged by the Woman Suffrage Party of New York, held other representatives of the press and photographers. The State machines followed in alphabetical order, designated by a yellow banner, and in charge of representatives carrying their own State petitions. The day was a perfect one and Washington was superb in brightest of green foliage and beautiful flowers.

At the Capitol the delegates divided into groups, each seeking the Representatives and Senators who promised to assist them. The Congressional record devoted two pages to the presentation of the petitions, giving the name of each person who presented them. There were one-half million signers to them, asking for full suffrage for women.

Our lamented Senator Dolliver, who but recently passed away, shouldered an arm full of the petitions and said he would advise those members to take a day off and study the Constitu tion.

Senator A. F. Clay of Georgia as Chairman of the Committee presided. Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, a lawyer of Chicago, was the first to speak. She said that as the common law did not specifically state that woman should vote, it was argued in some decisions that therefore they had the right, and in other States that they did not have the right, so you have placed upon women the stamp of polititical inequality and placed us at great disadvantage in competition with men. I presume you are all lawyers, therefore, I appeal to you as brothers-in-law to grant our request.

After a number of other grand speeches were made, Dr. Shaw closed the hearing with an appeal to the Committee to re-

port the petitions favorably, if you can, but unfavorable if you must.

Some two hundred votes for women advocates, appeared before the House Committee, six or seven women speaking. Mrs. Upton said: "Gentlemen, won't you please report against these resolutions, and give us your reasons for doing so; we know you are not going to vote for it. Certainly, you are not afraid of us, so please vote against it, but do tell us why."

At the conclusion the Chairman promised that their argument and petitions would receive careful attention.

The Election of Officers took place on Monday morning. All the old officers were mostly retained, but some changes were made later on.

Thus closed the Forty-second Annual Convention of the N A. Woman's Suffrage Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Giltner.

The resolutions offered and adopted were:

Whereas the Ky. Equal Rights Association has had a most successful meeing in Covington therefore be it resolved.

That the members of the association express their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them by the Covington and Kenton County Equal Rights Associations.

That the delegates wish to extend sincere thanks to these hostesses and all friends who contributed to their comfort and the success of the convention; to the Art Club for their beautiful reception, to the musicians for their sweet music and to the Press for their unfailing courtesy.

That we, being interested in the welfare of children, hereby express the pleasure we feel that there has been formed the Ky. Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

That the Ky. Equal Right Association request the State Board of Charitable Institutions to appoint a woman physician a the state asylum for the Insane a Hopkinsville.

That each local Association of the Ky. Equal Rights Ass't'n. use its influence towards establishing Juventile Court in case none has been established in that county.

And lastly be it resolved that each delegate here take heart and return to her home feeling a great stride has been made to the accomplishment of the object so dear to our hearts.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. John B. Castleman
Miss Luella Boyd
Mrs. Sarah Charles

"If ye abide in my Word, * * * ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Twenty-Second Annual Convention

OF THE

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HELD AT

## LOUISVILLE IN THE SEELBACH RED ROOM

## October 25th, 1911

### MORNING SESSION.

Thursday Oct. 25 1912.

Convention was called to order by the President Miss Laura Clay.

Scriptural reading Miss Laura Clay.

Prayer by Miss Elizabeth Yates, President of the Rhode Island Equal Rights Association.

Voted that the Program be made the order of business.

Secretary gave verbal report of work done by the Executive committee.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

Credentials ..... Mrs. I. H. Shepard

Courtesies ..... Mrs. John Castleman

Resolutions .. Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Thos. Smith, Mrs. Agnes Eifort.

Publication .....Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck and Miss Laura White.

Auditing .....Miss Laura White

Mrs. Somerville, President of the Mississippi Equal Rights

Association, Mrs. Greenley, Mrs. Mohlenhoff of Mississippi and Miss Kate Gordon of Louisiana were introduced and addressed the convention. The courtesies of the door were extended to them.

Credentials committee made partial report. As the National Association has changed its time for holding its Annual Convention there was a lengthy discussion as to the time at which it would be most advisable to close our state books, but no decision was arrived at.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge was asked to address the convention. She told of the plans of the Federation of Woman's clubs with regard to school suffrage and of the work accomplished at the last legislature.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield proposed that women working for school suffrage go directly to the liquor men and ask their endorsement Miss Clay reported that the liquor men of Wisconsin have declared in favor of Woman's suffrage.

The report of the Treasurer was read and the books placed in hand of the Auditing committee.

Mrs. Laddie of New Jersey and Miss Mary Helm were introduced. Miss Helm told of her personal experience and conversion to the cause.

The President Miss Laura Clay gave her annual address. She told of the changed conditins existing at present, the increased membership which made some change in the constitution desirable. She proposed a rotation of officers as one change. That the office of Auditor be created and the Auditor be made a member of the Executive board. That the President, 1st Vice President, corresponding. Secretary and Treasurer be elected on the even years. That the 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Committee member and Auditor on the odd years. That this year being an odd year, the President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be elected for one year. The second and 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Executive committee member for two years. She also proposed making the state member of the National Executive committee a member of the State Executive committee. She told of the hearing

granted the suffragists before the last conference of Governors at Frankfort Ky. in December 1910. Also of the resolutions in favor of woman's suffrage adoped by the state Federation of Labor.

Mrs. Ringrose, a bright energetic Californian, still bearing the flush of victory, was presented to the convention. She told of the methods which were successful in making her state a full suffrage state, and of work among the catholic clergy and how through them they obtained the catholic support.

A vote of thanks and the courtesies of the floor were extended Mrs. Ringrose.

Voted that a committee be appointed by the chair for the revision of the constitution along the lines proposed by the president.

Voted that this convention send telegrams to the State Bankers convention in session at Lexington and to the Kentucky Medical Society at Paducah asking them if they would not desire our assistance.

The chair appointed Miss Linda Neville to send the following telegrams: To the Bankers Convention at Lexington: "Our votes would be cast for a better taxation system. Do you want them"?

TheKy. Equal Rights Association.

To the Paducah, Ky. Medical Ass'n:

"You could count on our vote for your legislative work. Do you want them.

The Ky. Equal Rights Association.

Voted that the secretary send a message of love and greeting to Mrs. Eugenia Farmer of St. Paul Minn. Mrs. Farmer was for many years Secretary of the Ky. E. R. A.

Report of the Credentials committee was read and accepted.

The election of offiecrs being next on the program the chair appointed Mrs. Leech of Louisville and Mrs. Agnes Eifort of Ashland as tellers.

The first ballot for president resulted in a unanimous vote for Miss Laura Clay.

It being long past the noon hour the remainder of the election was postponed until the afternoon session and the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Miss Clay.

Minutes of morning session read, corrected and approved.

The chair appointed Mrs. Thos. Smith, Mrs. John Castleman and Mrs. James A. Leech as the committee on amendments to the constitution.

By consent the reports of the Local associations were received instead of proceeding with the election.

Reports were received from Ashland E. R. A., Campbell Co. E. R. A., Covington E. R. A., Madison Co. E. R. A. Fayette Co. E. R| A, Louisville E. R. A., Mead Co. E. R. A., Kenton Co. E. R. A.

Mrs. Allen of Tennessee and Miss Jessie Ashley Treaurer of the National Suffrage asociation were introduced to the convention and expressed their pleasure at being entertained in Ky.

The revision committee desired to present their recommendations.

Voted that the changes in the constitution be considered seriatim.

Recommendation I. That an Auditor be added to our state officers.

Voted that an Auditor be added to our state officers.

Recommendation II. That the State Member of the National Executive Committee be made an officer of the state asociation.

Voted that the State Member of he Naional Execuive Committee be made an officer of the state association.

Voted that the office of Auditor come directly after the other officers and before the State Member of the National Executive committee.

Recommendation III. That beginning with this year (1911) all officers be elected for a term of two years. The President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be elected on the even year. The 2nd and 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Auditor on the odd year. No officer shall be eligible for the same office for two successive terms.

Voted that the state member of the National Executive committee be elected on the even year.

Voted that the third recommendation be accepted and the amendments added to our constitution.

Voted that if any other changes be deemed desirable for the perfection of the constitution the Executive Committee be empowered to act.

Voted that we return to our unfinished business and proceed with the election of officers.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay who for so many years has served as 1st Vice President declined to stand for reelection. The convention deeply deplored her decision and extended her a rising vote of thanks for the great work she has done as a pioneer in our cause.

Voted that Mrs. Mary B. Clay be made an Honorary Vice President.

Voted that Mrs. Susan Look Avery also be made an Honorary Vice President.

Moved that no two officers be elected from the same city. Motion lost.

The election resulted as follows:

President, Miss Laura Clay ..... Lexington
1st Vice-President, Mrs. John Castleman .... Louisville
2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer .... Lexington
3rd Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin .. Covington
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark Richmond
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck Newport
Treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Shpeard ..... Covington
Auditor, Mrs Lucy A. Nield .... Louisville
Ex. Com. Member, Mrs. Mary E. Giloner .... Covington

Miss Alice Henry was presented to the convention.

Miss Henry is the editor of the Chicago "Life and Labor".

Miss Linda Neville told of the difficulty and final success in procuring the appointment of a woman physician at state Insane Asylums.

Report of the Press Superintendent was read and accepted with a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Patchen of Wisconsin was presented and addressed the convention.

Report of the Auditor was read and accepted.

Voted that the election of delegates to the National Convention be left to each local association in the proportion of one delegate for each 100 paid up members, the fraction of 100 going to the Executive committee.

Voted that any association not reporting their delegates one month before the National convention the executive committee shall elect a delegate for that place.

Voted that the following nominations of the executive commitee be accepted: Mrs. A. M. Harrison chairman on Church Work, Mrs. Margaret W. Castleman, Press Superintendent, Miss Laura White, Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Industrial problems affecting women and children, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Prize Contests, Mrs. Desha Breckenridge Educational Committee.

Miss Laura White gave her report as chairman of the Peace and Arbitration committee for the past year.

Voted that the decision as to closing of the Treasurer's books be left to the President and Treasurer.

Voted to adjourn to the evening session when the unfinished business can be taken up.

## EVENING SESSION.

Evening session opened with devotional exercise by Prof. W. H. Giltner.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

Mrs. Charles Firth of Covington sang, most charmingly, a suffrage song composed by herself.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Editor of the Woman's Journal of Boston and Mrs. Stewart of Illinois were introduced and addressed the convention briefly.

Mrs. James Bennett of Richmond read a most interesting paper on the Borah amendment of the Federal Constitution which provides for a popular election of Unitted States Senators.

The report of the resolutions committee was read and the resolutions with slight amendments were adopted.

The secretary made a plea for free will offerings to be used for propaganda throughout our state, with the following response.

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| Madison Co. E. R. A. | | $100.00 |
| Miss Laura White | | 10.00 |
| Miss Laura Clay | | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Thos. Smith | | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Mary B. Clay | | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Mary E. Giltner | | 5.00 |
| Louisville E. R. A. | (provisionally) | 25.00 |
| Total | | $160.00 |

Mrs. Thos Smith extended fraternal greetings from the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Voted that each local association appoint a committee of one or more to obtain subscriptions for the Woman's Journal.

Miss Virginia P. Robinson told of the legislative work done by the Louisville E. R. A.

General Discussion of Legislative Work and of the General Plan of Work for next year; which it was decided should largely consist of organization.

Convention adjourned.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Executive Committee met Thursday morning Oct. 26.

Voted that the President be empowered to employ Miss Virginia Robinson and Miss Emma Hast to give slide lectures within a radius of some miles of Louisville.

Voted that the $100.00 which is in Miss Clay's hands be considered the donation of Mrs. Susan Look Avery.

Voted that the state association pay Miss Clay's expenses whenever she is needed to give a lecture in a place where such expenses cannot be raised.

Voted that nobody be put on the Lecture Bureau except on vote of the Executive Board and the board will not vote for any one who is not already an experienced speaker.

Voted that the President have a leaflet printed advertising our Lecture Bureau.

Voted that Executive Board request Miss Laura White to organize in Manchester and that the state association pay any expense appertaining thereto.

The following appropriations were made:

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| Printing of Programs | $ 2.50 |
| Printing of Minutes | 35.00 |
| Frankfort Committee | 50.00 |
| Stationery for Press Work | 10.00 |
| Recording Secretary (postage) | 2.00 |
| Treasurer (postage) | 2.00 |
| Miss Clay (expenses) | 100.00 |
| Printing | 20.00 |
| Officers traveling expenses | 34.50 |
| Rent of Red Room | 15.00 |
| Telegrams | .77 |
| Total | $271.77 |

Voted that Mrs. John B. Castleman and Miss Laura White consult with Mrs. Lucy A. Neild as to her views on lecturing and organizing for the Kentucky E. R. A.

## REPORTS.

### Treasurer's Report.

**Kentucky E. R. Ass'n. Treasurer's Report for 1911.**

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| To Balance, November 16, 1910. | | $625.72 |
| Pledges 1910—Miss Clay | $10 00 | |
| Mrs. Neild | 10 00 | |
| 1911—Mrs. Bennett | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. M. B. Clay | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Castlemann | 4 00 | |
| Mrs. Giltner | 5 00 | |
| Miss Laura Clay | 5 00 | |
| Enrolled Members Miss Laura Clay | 5 00 | |
| | | 49 00 |
| Gift—Programms Mrs. Wiggins | | 3 00 |
| Dues for Enrolled members: | | |
| Louisville | $7 00 | |
| Newport | 1 20 | |
| W. Point | 7 35 | |

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| Ashland | 4 60 | |
| Kenton Co. | 1 00 | |
| Ashland | 1 80 | |
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| Donation for enrolled members Miss L. White .. | | 4 00 |
| To Annual dues of local E. R. Ass'ns to Ky. E. R. Ass'n. | | |
| Frankfort | $ 50 | |
| Bowling Green | 3 00 | |
| Ashland | 10 00 | |
| Covington E. R. Ass'n | 35 00 | |
| Campbell C. | 24 50 | |
| Harrodsburg | 3 00 | |
| Kenton Co. | 3 50 | |
| Lexington | 26 25 | |
| Louisville | 25 00 | |
| Richmond | 119 00 | |
| West Point | 3 50 | |
| | | 253 25 |
| | | $957 92 |

By Disbursements.

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| Nov. 16—Rev. Anna Shaw | $ 45 00 |
| Nov. 17—Programs | 3 00 |
| Traveling Expenses | 15 50 |
| Annual dues to N'l SuffrageAss'n | 116 00 |
| Expense of Legislative Com.. | 15 22 |
| Postage | 6 00 |
| Printing cards | 6 75 |
| Printing Leaflets | 8 00 |
| To Miss Clay for State Work | 100 00 |
| | $315 47 |
| To Balance, Oct. 25, 1911. | $642 45 |
| | $957 92 |

Isabella Shepard, Treas.

Audited and found correct.
Laura White, Auditor.

## Report of Superintendent of Press Work.

In reviewing the State Press Work which I have been conducting as Press Superintendent of the Ky. Equal Rights Assn., I find that my report must refer largely to my efforts in getting suffrage news items accepted by the Louisville papers. Following the plan of my predecessors in office, and that used by other State Press Chairmen at first proposed to send articles regularly to the various organs throughout the state, using for this purpose a list of newspapers furnished by Mrs. Obenchain, former press-supt. This course of procedure was to some extent abandoned by me, because of the obviously more important question of the Louisville press, which had been generally neglectful of suffrage news. I was strenghened in this viewpoint by the advice of the State President, Miss Clay, who wrote me suggesting that I confine my attention mostly to the Louisville papers. I estimated that many of the smaller papers secure items for themselves, copying frequently from the Louisville papers, and though continuing to send occasional contributions to them, I made the Louisville papers the prime object of my press-work. I considered this eminently important, in view of the National Convention meeting in Louisville.

Grateful recognition is due the Editor of the Louisville Herald, an avowed suffragist, whose ready and earnest Co-operation has been of invaluable assistance. The Managing Editor of the Louisville Times has also been very obliging in according space to our items. On the whole, the local papers have been very accommodating in regard to our advance news, advertising the Convention. The Ky. Ass'n. is vastly indebted to Miss Reilly the National Press Chairman whose efficient and courteous co-operation has been invaluable to me in my work. Recent developments in the work encourage me to believe that I may branch out considerably in the coming year.

From a local committee, of which Miss Jennie Flexner was chairman, I have received helpful co-operation in the last four weeks.

Margaret W. Castleman, Press Supt. Ky. Equal Rights Ass'n.

**Report of State Member of National Executive Committee.**

The Forty Third Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association convened at Louisville, Kentucky, October 19th, 1911, in the "Red Room" of the Seelbach Hotel, at 8 P. M., with the President, Reverend Anna H. Shaw, in the Chair. The Executive Committee was called to order, with recommendations from the official Board.

The amendments to the Constitution were taken up and discussed, some changes being made; after which the meeting adjourned, to meet at De Molay Hall.

**Friday morning, October twentieth.**

Convention called to order by the President. The Welcome from Kentucky was delivered by Miss Laura Clay, President of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, who, with her face radiant with smiles, extended that hearty welcome as only a true Kentuckian could. The response was made by Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, legal Counsel for the Society.

Recommendations were made and reports submitted at morning session. The Hall was beautifully decorated in yellow, the National color, having originated from the fact that Kansas where civic suffrage was first granted is known as the "Sunflower State."

One of the most notable features of the morning session was the introduction of Mrs. Ben Hardin Helm, formerly Emily Todd, a half-sister of the wife of Abra-ham Lincoln. The whole Convention rose. Mrs. Helm spoke briefly to this effect:

"Since I come of a generation which was not in the habit of speaking, I simply say that I welcome you sincerely."

Mr. Garwood spoke briefly, with the preface that "the fact that he was the only masculine delegate gave him some slight claims to attention."

Miss Clay said in her address:—"It is impossible to tell you the pleasure with which Kentucky greets you. Lucy Stone fifty years ago, then in her prime and loveliness, visited this State and the towns along the Ohio, speaking at various points....In 1879, Susan B. Anthony lectured in Kentucky and left in Richmond an enduring monument. The Equal Rights Association; and in 1881

the National Convention was held in Louisville." She also said. "I see a nobler emblem for Kentucky. Instead of two men clasping hands, it will be a man and a woman, standing beneath the slogan of the State; 'United we stand, divided we fall'."

Mrs. McCulloch in her speech said in part: Now we know definitely that all the things we've heard of Kentucky are true; we've met her brave women and handsome Colonels... While we remember the traditions of the past, we live in the present and it is always a pleasure to know that every time Kentucky somehow wants something done, it is the women of the Clay family they appeal to."

After this Miss Shaw appointed all her committees. Then followed the National official reports. Proper aims of the National Association were discussed and interesting speeches were made during the entire afternoon session.

Jubilee night for suffragists. The recent successes in California and Washington celebrated. The enthusiasm of the speakers was unbounded; the hall so crowded standing-room was at a premium.

Mrs. Catherine M. Smith, the next speaker, said "Washington's victory was too long for detailed account, but she believed success had been due to the appeal to the men for a "square deal" She paid a glowing tribute to her California sisters and also to the prominent leaders of the National organization. The large jolly woman told of feeding the inmates of a soldier's Home on cherry pies and they all voted for woman suffrage.

Inasmuch as the crowds were so large that the auditorium in the DeMolay Hall could not hold them, the meeting was next convened at Macauley's Theatre.

Miss Breckenridge dealt with the working women's interest in the ballot and set forth reasons why they should be given the right. She said "I want the ballot and I want all other women to have it. To-day there are 5,000,000 wage-earning women in the United States and of this number over 3,000,000 are unmarried; and protection can only be secured when women get the ballot."

Miss Mary Johnson, the noted author, charmed her hearers

with an interesting account of conditions that confront women not only in this country but in others.

### Morning of the twentyfourth.

The most important work of the Convention was done the day previous. The National officers were elected. Miss Shaw was still retained as the National President. There were numerous changes made among he others officers. Kentuckians had hoped to put in Miss Laura Clay as first Vice-President and there was naturally some disappointment that this was not done. There was some little excitement throughout the election. It was a great surprise when Miss Breckenridge was given the office of second Vice President.

Jane Adams was elected first Vice President at the afternoon session and the remaining National nominees were all elected. Owing to the fact that the new constitution would not be enforced until the close of the Convention and this provides for a new officer, the Editor of the Woman's Journal; Miss Clay moved that the new officers be instructed to elect Miss Alice Stone Blackwell. The motion was promptly seconded and Miss Blackwell was unanimously elected. While the votes were being counted letters and telegrams from all parts of the world to the members of the Convention were read by the Secretary, one coming from Holland, another from the National Union of London. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, who was then conducting a suffrage meeting in Kimberly, South Africa, sent an interesting letter describing conditions in Africa and expressing her sympathy with the meetings in Louisville. The Convention voted that an immediate reply be sent.

Officers elected:

Dr. Anna H. Shaw, Moylan, Pa., President.

Jane Adams, Chicago, First Vice President.

Sophronisba Breckenridge, Chicago, 2nd Vice President.

Mary Ware Dennett, New York City, Corresponding Secretary.

Susan W. Fitzgerald, Boston Recording Secretary.

Jessie Ashley, New York, Treasurer.

Belle LaFollette, Wisconsin, Auditor.

Mrs James Leer Laidlaw, Auditor.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Boston, Ed.—Elect of Woman's Journal.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the English leader, in her last speech at De Molay Hall, defended their action in hurling stones through windows and invading the private homes of the Prime Minister and others in the cause of "Votes for Women."

Dr. Shaw aroused the audience to the wildest enthusiasm by her closing remarks. "This has been the most interesting convention from the attitude of the public that we have ever held. Never have we been impressed more with the genuineness of the welcome than we have been in Louisville. Every courtesy has been shown us and nothing has been left undone to make us welcome.

It is almost impossible to close this report of one of the greatest Conventions ever held in many respects—in attendance; in enthusiasm; its magnificent speeches; in the delightful social events; in celebrating the victory in two great Western states where men and women stand equal in the matter of franchise; and in the twelve thousand dollars raised for future work—of which we will tell you more after our next meeting in New York in 1912.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary E. Giltner, Member Natinonal Ex. Com.

### Reports of Local Associations Ashland E. R. A.

There were 4 meetings heldthis year, with an average attendance of 8. (1 more than 1910)

We have a paid membership of 25 for the state and 65 for the nat'l.

We have only read and talked but are ready to be counted, when our State President calls for action.

We are glad that so much good seed will be sown in Ky. by the National in Louisville.

Greetings to all and cheers for California.

Sarah T. Bagley, Secy.

## CAMPBELL COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The Campbell Equal Rights Association held ten meetings during the year. We met at the different homes and each hostess entertained in her own way.

Our Echo meeting was held at the home of Miss Mary Wood, who being an invalid was entertained by the different member's account of the Convention.

Miss Black of Cincinnati gave us a talk on the White-Slave traffic.

We also gave an entertainment which netted us a nice sum.

We have now one hundred and forty (140) enrolled members, we have lost two members by removal. Mrs. Dowling, our former Vice-President and Miss Anna Strouse, both good workers in our cause.

Respectfully submitted.

Hannah L. Spring, Sec.

## COVINGTON E. R. A.

The Covington Equal Rights Association has had many meetings the past year and they were particularly interesting as justice was the special theme.

The Covington School Board promised our women teachers a raise of salary, if free water and an increase tax rate could be obtained. Both were accomplished. The men got a raise. The women were ignorned the excuse being, they were compelled to raise the men to keep them and there was no more money.

Our legislator Mr. Price had told one of our members, who is his law partners wife, that he would vote for school suffrage. That was before he went to Frankfort at all. He was written to in the name of the Club and asked to define his position on this subject, his reply was "he had voted against it and would do the same when it came up again. The legislative atmosphere had a bad effect. Mr. Myers was written to and did not reply.

We gave a lawn fete which was well attended. Mr. Watson of the Cincinnati Vigilance Committee gave a very plain talk on the Social evil and the need of women in politics.

Respectfully Submitted.

Nancy S. McLaughlin, Sec'y.

## LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

The Louisville Woman Suffrage Association had enrolled before the National Convention 225 members. It intends to enroll within the next few weeks 500 members. The work of the past year was steady and fundamental as I think has been proved by the interest shown in the N. A. W. S. A. We spoke last winter frequently to such small audiences that we felt our work to be wasted. I believe this Convention is a reassurance that none of it was lost and this thought is not only a great comfort but an incentive to renewed efforts for the coming year.

We found that the meetings we arranged for ourselves at the Libraries were not so successful as the meetings arranged for by other clubs. If a club gets to the point of asking for a suffrage speech it considers itself responsible for an audience and will do all the work of securing it.

But the main work of the Association began in the spring with the preparation for the N. A. W. S. A. Convention. Our board met and deliberated for several days until it finally decided upon a Committee to carry out the plans. Almost without exception the persons chosen accepted and the committee has been changed only by additions as new work came up. The first Committee to begin work was the Finance Committee. Mrs. John T. Castleman, who secured the hall from the Publicity League and raised funds to cover the expenses of the Convention work and we owe a double debt of gratitude to Mrs. Castleman not only for this work but because it was through her that the invitation was extended to the National to meet in Louisville. The interest of the public in this Convention was unprecedented and unhoped for, but I feel that great as has been our success arousing interes in the indifferent and making new converts. There is another less evident but no less helpful result of this meeting, the splendid Spirit of co-operation and service to a common cause deepened in all of us who have worked for thisConvention by the work we have done together.

Virginia P. Robinson, President.

## MADISON CO. E. R. A.

The Madison County Association has done more work this year than usual.

The Elks offered us the use of their Hall, free of charge, and we have used it for all of our meetings this year, thinking it better for this purpose than any private home could be. We appointed three ladies to supply suffrage news to our three Richmond papers,and in this way we have had quantities of suffrage news printed and disseminated without any expense to our Association. We provided seven ladies with books containing the names of all our members, and requested them to take different streets in our city, and go to every house, to get new members to collect free will offerings of money for our suffrage work and to distribute literature. These ladies were kindly received at every home to which they went, and got many new members and much money.

We have obtained eight newsubscribers to he Woman's Journal.

We have bought some literature from our National Headquarters.

We have given ten dollars as a prize for the best speech in favor of Woman Suffrage by the students of the Kentucky Normal School in Richmond. We have contributed fifty (50) dollars toward the expenses of the National Convention in Louisville.

We have given $110.00 to Suffrage expenses in California. And we have paid $119.00 for the membership dues (340 members to our State and National Associations.

Our Madison County President, Mrs. James Bennett, had a memorial presented to Congress by Senator Bradly and Representative Harvey Helm of Kentucky, in which she asked our Congressmen to protect women equally with men in voting for United States Senators in the proposed Amendment of our Federal Constiution for a popular election of United States Senators.

Mrs. Bennett wrote a letter to every member of Congress about this matter and enclosed him a copy of her memorial. And she received answers from 45 of our Congressmen, saying that they would give the matter their careful consideration.

Ellen Gibson, Secretary.

**The Resolutions Of The Kentucky Equal Rights Association. . .**

1. That we tender our most grateful appreciation to our distinguished guests who have addressed our Convention:—

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell.
Miss Yates, Rhode Island.
Mrs. Somerville of Mississippi.
Miss Gordon of Louisiana.
Mrs. Greenway of Mississippi.
Mrs. Moranhoff of Mississippi.
Mrs. Ringrose of California.
Miss Mary Helm of Louisville.
Miss Patching of Wisconsin.
Mrs. Laddie of New Jersey.
Mrs. Henry of Chicago.
Mrs. Stewart of Illinois.

II. That we thank the friends for the flowers that have made the hall so attractive for the Convention.

III. That this Convention tender our appreciation to the Louisville Herald and the Lexington Herald for their splendid recent editorials, and our thanks be given to other papers for their support and kind notices of the Convention.

IV. That the Equal Rights Association express to the State Board of Control of Charitable Institutions, rejoicing at the fact that at each hospital for the insane there is a woman on the staff of physicians; furthermore, to offer to that Board sympathetic interest in the welfare of the institutions under its control.

V. WHEREAS, this Convention fully realizing the value of the meeting of the National Association in Louisville, to the Suffrage cause of our State.

BE IT RESOLVED, that since we are indebted to our distinguished State President for the privilege of inviting to our State the National Convention, we hereby express to her our thanks and appreciation.

VI. RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Suffrage Association in Covention, do hereby recommend the establishment of a National Park to include the Mammoth Cave and the adjacent lands in the fork of Green and Nolin Rivers, as above described, and respectfully urge upon our Representatives in the Federal Congress

promptly passing an act, providing for said Mammoth Cav National Park, and making the proper appropriation therefor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a committee of five, one of whom shall be the President of this Convention, be appointed by this Assembly to make effective this recommendation and resolution by appearing before the Committee to which this Bill is referred, or by such other means as the Committee in its wisdom sees fit.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James Mitchell.
Bowling Green, Chairman
Mrs. Agnes Eifort,
Mrs. Thomas J. Smith.

**Constitution and By-Laws of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association**

MOTTO:

"If ye abide in my word, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE 1—NAME.

This Association shall be known as "The Kenucky Equal Rights Association," auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

### ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to advance the industrial, educational ond legal rights of women, and to secure suffrage to them by appropriate State and National legislation.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any local organization maybecome auxiliary to the State Equal Rights Association by endorsing the Constituion and paying dues to the State Treasurer. Any state organization for other objects, who endorse woman's suffrage, may become auxiliary, by the payment of one dollar annually to the State Treasurer. Any person may become a membe: of this Association by endorsing the Constituion and paying dues to the State Treasurer. No distinction on account of sex shall be made in membership or eligibility to office in this Association.

## ARTICLE IV—FINANCE.

Each local association shall pay annually to the State Treasurer, the amount of thirty-five cents per member of each auxiliary; 10 cents of which shall go to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association. Each member of the State Equal Association, not a member of an auxiliary local association, shall pay anually to the State Treasurer the amount of one dollar.

## ARTICLE V—GENERAL OFFICERS.

The General Officers shall b a President, three Vice-Presients, a Corresponding Secretary a Recording Secretary a Treasurer an Auditor and the State Member of the National Executive Committee. These General Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for and control the general interest of work, of whom three shall constitute a quorum when assembled, or a majority may act by correspondence in response to a circular letter addressed to every member of the Executive Committee, not less than ten days before hand by the President.

## ARTICLE VI—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, the State Superintendent of Press Work, ~~the State Historian and the State Member of the National Executive~~ Committees, one delegate at large and one delegate for every ten paid up members, for the current year, from each auxiliary suffrage association, and one delegate from each auxiliary state association. The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, and at this Annual Meeting the general officers and delegates to the National American Woman Suffrage Association Convention shall be elected.

The general officers elected at the end of every term of three years, counting from the convention of 1903, shall be the Board of Directors of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and shall hold the same positions respectively as in the Executive Committee of the State Association.

## ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

This Constituion may be alttered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members presen at any Annual Meeting.

## BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I—DUTIESOF OFFICERS.

Section 1. President—The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when he or she may deem it necessary or in response to the written request of any three members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform other duties usual to such officer.

Section 2. Corresponding Secretary—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence; to send to each local auxiliary at least one month before the Annual Meeting a blank for their report for the current year. She shall then collate from such reports her own annual report.

Section 3. Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee. He or she shall attend all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings, and shall apprise members of committee of their appointments. At the first session of each Annual Meeting she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee, since the last Annual Meeting in their proper order, for the information of the Annual Meeting, and shall perform such duties usually pertaining to such office.

Section 4. Treasurer—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof to each Annual Meeting. He or she pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate January 1st.

### ARTICLE II—PLAN OF WORK.

To forward the objects of this Association the following lines of work are adopted and their efficient prosecution shall be provided for by the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee:
1st, Distribution of Literature, 2nd, Press Work, 3rd, Legislative & Petition Work.

Any other lines of work consistent with the aims of this Association may be taken up when recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall constitute, ex-officio, a Lec-

ture Bureau, and shall from time arrange such lecture tours for public speakers as ways and means shall seem to justify.

An Advisory Committee of men anw women shall be appointed, consisting of one member from each State Senatorial District, or, where possible, one from each State Representative District, with whom the officers of the Association may consult in regard to the interests of the work in their respective districts.

## ARTICLE III—VOTING.

Each Local Association may cast the full vote to which it is entitled as set forth in Article VI of the Constitution. General Officers, Superintendent of Press Work ~~State Historian~~ and the ~~State Member of the National Executive~~ Committee must vote in person and their vote can not be cast otherwise. Local delegates present may cast, pro rata the vote of absentees.

## ARTICLE IV— ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers shall be elected on the morning of the last day of the Annual Meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, and informal ballot shall be cast for each office separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person nominated, or the informal ballot may be made the formal by vote of the meeting.

Section 2. The Press Superintendent, Advisory Committee and ~~State Historian~~ shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Annual Meeting. Their election and that of the ~~State Member of the National Executive~~ Committee, and the Delegates to the National Convention, shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years. The President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and State Member of the National Executive Committee be elected on the even year, the 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Auditor on the odd year.

No officer shall be eligible for the same office for two successive terms

## ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed on the first morning of the Annual Meeting: On Crdentials, on Publications, on Auditing, on Resolutions and on Courtesies.

Section 2. The Executive Committee, Press Superintendent and ~~State Historian~~ shall meet in joint session previous to the Annual Meeting, to prepare a plan of work to be submitted to the said Annual Meeting, and shall hold another meeting at the close of these to complete arrangements for the ensuing year's work.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

### On Credentials.

Section 1. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of two or more, of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall be Chairman. They shall receive and examine credentials of delegates, and approve such as are signed by the by the President or Secretary of Local Associations represented; shall report to the Convention, setting forth the whole number of delegates present, and in the following order:

1. General Officers.
2. Superintendent of Press Work, ~~State Historian and State Member of National Executive~~ Committee.
3. Delegates from Local Associations.

### On Publications.

Section 2. Th Committee on Publications shall consist of two or more shall solict subscriptions for Suffrage Papers, shall provide for the publication of the minutes and all other papers ordered to be published by the Convention. The Recording Secretary shall be Chairman of thisCommittee.

### On Resolutions.

Section 3. The Committee on Resolution shall consist of three and shall perform the duties usual to such committee.

### On Courtesies.

Section 4. The Committee on Courtesies shall have charge of all introductions to the Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

All documents and announcements from General Officers shall be sent to each Local Auxiliary.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The expenses of the General Officers and the Press Superintendent, in traveling to and from the Convention, also postage and stationery shall be paid from the state Treasury.

## ARTICLE IX.

### Book of Reference.

Roberts' Rules of Order are adopted as a Book of Reference on points of Parliamentary Laws.

## ARTICLE X.

These By- Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting.

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# REPORT

of the

## Twenty-Third Annual Convention

of the

## Kentucky Equal Rights Association

Held At

## Lexington. Kentucky

in the

## Arts Club Building

## October 24th and 25th, 1913

"If ye abide in my Word * * * ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you Free."

# General Officers of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Linden Walk .....Lexington.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, .....Lexington

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, .....Lexington.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, .....Covington.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Miss Laura Clay, 189 North Mill Street, .....Lexington.

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Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, 313 York Street, .....Newport

TREASURER

Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett, .....Richmond.

AUDITOR

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, .....Louisville.

MEMBER EX. COM., N. A. W. S. A.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, .....Richmond.

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HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Mary B. Clay, .....Richmond.

Mrs. Susan Look Avery, .....Louisville.

Twenty-Third Annual Convention

# KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Held at Lexington, Kentucky.

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th**

9:00 a. m.

Plan of Work Committee.

10:00 a. m.

Convention Opens.

Devotional Exercises.

Report of Executive Committee.

Reports of General Officers: President, Miss Laura Clay; First Vice-President, Mrs. John C. Castleman; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer; Third Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard; Auditor, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield; N. A. W. S. A. Executive Com. Member, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.

Appointment of Committees—On Credentials; Courtesies; Resolutions; Subscriptions to Woman's Journal.

Report of Chairman of Committee on Church Work—Mrs. A. M. Harrison.

Reports of Local Branches.

Reports of Plan of Work Committee. Discussion.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Report of Member of National Executive Committee.

**Noon Hour.**

2:00 p. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Minutes of Morning Session.

Report of Legislative Committee.

Press Work—Mrs. Margaret W. Castleman.

Peace and Arbitration—Miss Laura R. White.

Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children—Mrs. Lucy A. Nield.

Some Results of Woman Suffrage in California—Mrs. Thomas J. Smith.

Address, "Organization"—Mrs. Murray Hubbard.

Suggestions from N. A. W. S. A. Discussion.

**Thursday Evening.**

8:00 p. m.

Invocation.

Annual Address of President—Miss Laura Clay.

Some Objections Considered—Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago.

**Friday Morning.**

9:00 a. m.

Plan of Work Committee.

10:00 a. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Minutes of Previous Meetings.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th**

Final Report of Credentials Committee.

Appointment of Tellers.

Election of President, First Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Member of Executive Committee N. A. W. S. A.

Election of Officers of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

Election of Delegates to the N. A. W. S. A. Convention in Philadelphia.

Auditor's Report.

Discussion of Plan Work.

**Friday Afternoon.**

2:00 p. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Minutes.

Election of Chairmen of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

3:15 p. m.

Address to Woman's Club of Central Kentucky and the Convention: "The Modern Basis of the Demand for Equal Suffrage"—Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago.

Resolutions.

**Friday Evening.**

8:00 p. m.

Invocation.

Address: "The Meaning of the Woman's Movement"—Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago.

## PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee and the Plan of Work Committee met Thursday morning, October 24, at 9 o'clock, and proposed the following Plan of Work:

That we recommend that the convention appropriate three hundred dollars for a stenographer for the president.

That the headquarters shall, as far as possible, lay out routes for the speakers of the Lecture Bureau for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

That we make it our principal aim to obtain the submission of a constitutional amendment from the General Assembly of 1914, granting full suffrage to all women of Kentucky.

Committee rose.

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## THURSDAY MORNING, Oct., 24th.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock and opened with Scriptural reading and prayer by the president.

Voted that the program be followed as the order of business.

Secretary gave a report of Executive Committee which was accepted.

## REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

The president told of the work done in the campaign states of Ohio and Kansas, where she spent several months in the spring and fall. She said in part: "The vicious interests are the ones really opposed to woman's suffrage. The anti-suffrage women do us little or no harm. Many who go to hear an anti-suffragist speak come away converted to woman suffrage. I believe we are now on the 'home stretch' for full suffrage."

The first vice president was not present.

The second vice-president reported good work done for school suffrage in Lexington.

The third vice-president related how the women of Covington combatted the outrageous stories told of the women who registered several years ago, by Mr. Harry Myers, one of their legislators.

The corresponding secretary was not present.

The recording secretary reported much interest in school suffrage in Newport.

The treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, having removed to Texas, acting treasurer, Mrs. Emma Roebuck, read the financial report and the books were placed in the hands of the Auditor.

The auditor, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, not being present, Miss Laura R. White was appointed auditor pro-tem.

Committees appointed by the chair were:

Credentials—Mrs. Emma Roebuck, Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett.

Courtesies—Miss Linda Neville, Mrs. Edith Cox.

Resolutions—Mrs. Charles Firth, Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, Mrs. James Bennett.

Publications—Mrs. Emma Roebuck, Miss Lucy Shelby, Mrs. Howard

Gratz. Miss Shelby was asked to give particular attention to securing subscriptions to the Woman's Journal.

The local associations reporting good work done in their localities were: Ashland E. R. A.; Campbell County E. R. A.; Covington E. R. A.; Harrodsburg E. R. A.; Fayette E. R. A.; Louisville E. R. A.; Madison E. R. A.; Franklin County E. R. A.; Oldham County E. R. A.; West Point E. R. A.

Mrs. James A. Leach, of Louisville, told several amusing and pathetic experiences of women while canvassing for school suffrage in her city.

A very cordial invitation was given by the Fayette Equal Rights Association to the delegates to luncheon and supper during the convention. These meals were served at Mrs. Kimbrough's next door to the convention hall, so that the delegates enjoyd a social hour and rest between the session.

Adjourned.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. James Leech, of Louisville. Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago, president of the Illinois Suffrage Association, was introduced to the convention, and the courtesies of the floor were extended to her.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Reports of locals continued:

Mrs. James Bennett read a most satisfactory report from the Madison E. R. A.

Secretary read reports from Pewee Valley, Oldham county, and from the West Point E. R. A.

Secretary read the proposed Plan of Work.

Voted that the several items of the Plan of Work be considered seriatim.

Item that we appropriate $300.00 for the employment of a stenographer for the president, carried.

Item that headquarters shall, as far as possible, lay out routes for the speakers of the Kentucky E. R. A. Lecture Bureau, carried.

Item that we make it our principal aim to obtain the submission of the Constitutional Amendment from the General Assembly of 1914, carried.

Mrs. James Leech told of the offer of Judge Frank Peak, of Louisville, to do any specific work for suffrage in his power.

Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Chairman of Committee on Church Work, said in her report that it was impossible to forward any movement in the churches without referring to the advantage of woman's suffrage.

Mrs. Mary A. Giftner, Member of National Executive Committee, read a full report of the Forty-third National Convention, held in Louisville in 1911. (This is printed in State minutes of 1911.)

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge gave a most interesting account of work done by the Legislative Committee of the Kentucky Fedration of Woman's Clubs in th interest of school suffrage.

Mrs. Margaret W. Castleman, Superintendent of Press Work, was not present to report, but Mrs. James Leech said that never before was suffrage news so voluntarily published in the Louisville paprs.

Miss Laura R. White, Chairman of Committee on Peace and Arbitration, reported on the progress of the peace movement. Miss White having mentioned that there was some disposition to drop this Department in the National Association, it was voted by the convention that the National Association be requested by the Kentucky E. R. A. to maintain the Department of Peace.

Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, president of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, read a paper on "Some Results of Woman's Suffrage in California," in which the results were shown to go far to prove its efficacy for the general good.

Committee on Credentials presented a partial report, which was accepted.

Mrs. Murray Hubbard being ill, her very able paper on Organization was read by Mrs. Charles Firth.

Adjourned.

## THURSDAY EVENING.

Invocation voiced by Prof. W. S. Giltner.
Annual Address of the President.....Miss Laura Clay.
Some Objections Considered .....Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago.

## FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25TH.

Convention opened at 10 o'clock with scripture reading and prayer by the president.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon read, corrected and approved.

The chair appointed Mrs. T. J. Smith and Mrs. James Leech to write to Judge Frank Peak, thanking him for his offer of assistance.

Report from the Bowling Green E. R. A., read and accepted.

Mrs. T. J. Smith gave a verbal report of work done for the suffrage cause at Frankfort.

Final report of the Committee on Credentials was read and accepted.

Miss Madge E. Nave, 307 Kentucky Title Building, Louisville, who is serving as assistant State Labor Inspector, was introduced and addressed the convention. She told of the excellent new Labor Law regulating the hours of work and requiring appliances for the convenience of working women.

The election for the ensuing year of the five officers whose term of office constitutionally expired being the next order of business, the chair appointed Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin as counting tellers, and Miss Emma Hast and Mrs. T. J. Smith as distributing tellers.

Pending the counting of the votes Mrs. Amanda T. Million, the first woman who ever held the office of County Superintendent of Schools in Kentucky, was introduced and addressed the convention. She told very interestingly of her many trials and final success in that position.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Lexington.

*First Vice-President—Mrs. Mason Maury, Louisville.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

Treasurer—Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett, Richmond.

xNational Executive Committee Member—Mrs. John Little Louisville.

Voted that a letter of affectionate remembrance be sent to Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, who so faithfully server as treasurer for many years.

Before the election of the officers of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, it was voted to amend the constitution, Article VI, after the words "the end of every terms of three years" by adding the words "and the hold-over officers mentioned in the articles of incorporation."

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, and the other officers of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, except the auitor and the member of the National Executive Committee, who are not included in the Articles of Incorporation, were then elected the officers of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

It was voted that the chair appoint a committee, with the Corresponding secretary as chairman, to suggest changes in the constitution which seem necessary, especially to bring the constitution into harmony with the articles of incoropration; and to prepare the report to present at the next annual convention. The chair appointed Mrs. James A. Leech and Miss Laura R. White to act on this Committee of Revision.

The delegates to the National Convention to be held in Philadelphi were elected as follows:

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. Harry Hanger, Mrs. Thompson Burnam, Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett, Miss Mary Neville, Mrs. Mary C. Cantrill, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. Emil Tachau, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, Mrs. James A. Leech, Miss Emma Hast, Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. Mason Maury, Miss Laura R. White, Mrs. Mary C. Garth, Mrs. Charles Firth.

Alternates—Mrs. Murray Hubbard, Mrs. Lee Bernheim, Prof. W. S. Giltner, Mrs. F. C. Thomas, Mrs. Charles A. Nield, Mrs. Sarah Charles, Mrs. C. M. Freeman, Mrs. Agnes Efort, Miss Daisy Willis, Miss Carolyn Leech, Miss Willie Kennedy, Mrs. Samuel Roberts, Miss Mary Mason Brown, Miss Margaret Brown, Mrs. C. H. Berryman.

Voted that the first alternate fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, and so on.

Voted that if when the delegates arrive in Philadelphia there should be a vacancy, the delegates present there be empowered to fill that vacancy from any member of the Kentucky E. R. A., there present.

The retiring president, Miss Laura Clay, was then called upon for a speech. Miss Clay thanked the convention for its courtesy to her in electing her to the office of corresponding secretary, and for the con-

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*On resignation of Mrs. Maury, Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson was appointed by the Board.

xOn declination of Mrs. Little, Miss Belle H. Bennett was appointed.

fidence that courtesy showed. She took occasion to speak of the new president, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, who was not present at the elec- which had been constantly shown to her during the twenty-four years of her presidency. During that time the association had grown from less than eighty members at its organization to about two thousand at the present propitious time. She reminded the convention that one person could not make an association, but that one person, such an ardent suffragist as the able new president was, backed by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, could do wonders.

Adjourned.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. T. J. Smith.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Report of acting auditor was read: "I have examined the books and find them correct, with a balance of $1,206.13."

(Signed) LAURA R. WHITE, Acting Audtior.

Report accepted.

Voted that the chairmen of the various committees be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Voted that the constitution be so amended as to make chairmen of all committees members of the convention.

Voted that the words "State Historian" be stricken out of the constitution, and the office dropped.

Moved that the convention adopt as a badge a medal or button bearing the motto "In Unity Invincible." Motion lost.

The secretary asked for free will offerings and the following pledges were made:

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| Miss Laura Clay | $10.00 |
| Miss Laura R. White | $10.00 |
| Mrs. Mary B. Clay | $ 5.00 |
| Mrs. M. C. Cantrill | $ 5.00 |
| Mrs. James Bennett | $ 5.00 |
| Mrs. Mary E. Giltner | $ 5.00 |
| Miss Emma Hast | $ 5.00 |
| Mrs. T. J. Smith | $ 5.00 |

(Note by Miss Laura Clay. In the summer of 1912, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman, Ky., apprised Miss Clay that she intended soon to give the Kentucky Equal Rights Association one thousand dollars. She said she wished the principal to be invested until such time as a constitutional amendment or some other measure granting full suffrage to Kentucky women should be pending, when the officers of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association might use principal and interest in the campaign. In the meanwhile the interest should be used for current expenses of the association. A short time after the close of the convention Miss Clay received the $1,000 from Mrs. Hubbard, and placed it to the credit of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in the Savings Department of the Lexington Trust Company.)

After the pledges of free will offerings the convention took a recess; and as the guest of the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky, whose regular meeting was in the Arts Club at this hour, heard a brilliant discourse from Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, on "The Modern Basis of the Demand for Equal Suffrage."

The convention resumed business after the address.

The Resolutions Committee made its report and the resolutions were adopted.

The convention instructed the secretary to send the following messages of sympathy:

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Mary B. Trimble the association loses one of its pioneer and most valuable members, and that the secretary send a letter of deepest sympathy to her family.

Resolved, That the secretary write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer on the death of her husband, and of affectionate remembrance from the convention.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Kentucky E. R. A., then adjourned.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

Invocation Prof. W. S. Giltner.

Address—"The Meaning of the Woman's Movement.—Mrs. Ella S. Stewart.

Closing Executive Committee meeting was held Saturday morning, October 26, 1912, at the residence of Mrs. Kimbrough.

President, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, in the chair.

Chairmen of standing committees, as voted by the convention, were appointed as follows:

Educational Committee.....Mrs. H. R. Whitesides, Louisville.
Peace and Arbitration.....Miss Laura R. White, Louisville.
Church Work.....Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Elm Tree Lane, Lexington.

Voted that the appointment of Press Superintendent, Chairman of Prize Contest Committee, Chairman of Industrial Problems Committee, and Advisory Board be left to the president.

Appropriations for expenses were made as follows:

For Press Work and other office expenses.....$150.00

Expenses for officers:

Board to Mrs. Kimbrough .....$ 12.65
Traveling Expenses .....$ 14.50
For three lectures and board for Mrs. Ella Stewart .....$ 55.40
For printing minutes .....$ 25.00
Printing cards and leaflets .....$ 12.00
Prize Contests .....$100.00

Stationery—Left open.

Programs .....$ 3.50
Stenographic work on minutes of 1911 .....$ 10.00
Telegrams and Telephone .....$ 2.25
Postage for Recording Secretary .....$ 6.00
Postage for Corresponding Secretary .....$ 6.00
Postage for Treasurer .....$ 4.00

Committee rose.

## REPORTS.

### Treasurer's Report.

Kentucky Equal Rights Association. Treasurer's Report for 1911-1912.

RECEIPTS.

**1911.**

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| Oct. 19.—To balance as certified by Auditor ..... | | $ 642.45 |
| Pledges, Louisville ..... | $ 25.00 | |
| Mrs. M. E. Giltner ..... | $ 5.00 | |
| Additional dues from Louisville ..... | $ 2.00 | |
| Postage returned by Treasurer ..... | $ 2.00 | |
| | | $ 34.00 |
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| Oct. 10.—To cash balance to Mrs. Roebuck, Treas. pro-tem | | $555.23 |
| Oct. 19.—Local Dues. | | |
| Ashland | $ 6.00 | |
| Bowling Green | $ 4.00 | |
| Campbell County | $ 14.70 | |
| Covington | $ 35.00 | |
| Harrodsburg | $ 3.50 | |
| Lexington | $ 77.50 | |
| Louisville | $ 35.00 | |
| Richmond | $ 87.50 | |
| West Point | $ 6.10 | |
| Total | | $269.30 |
| Oct. 23.—To National dues, by Miss Clay | | $ 50.00 |
| To National dues, by Mrs. James Bennett | | $ 35.00 |
| Madison County Free Will Offering | | $ 100.00 |
| Mrs. Susan Cook Avery, by Miss Clay | | $ 100.00 |
| Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, by Miss Clay | | $ 100.00 |
| Mrs. Lida C. Obenchain, by Miss Clay | | $ 20.00 |
| Miss Laura R. White | | $ 10.00 |
| Returned expense money—Miss Clay | | $ 88.00 |
| Delayed dues from Frankfort | | $ .50 |
| | | $1328.03 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Oct. 26.—Traveling expenses of officers | $ 34.50 | |
| Printing | $ 4.25 | |
| Postage for Secretary and Treasurer | $ 6.00 | |
| Oct. 25.—Telegrams | $ .77 | |
| Oct. 26.—Additional expenses | $ 1.50 | |
| National Dues from Ky. E. R. A. | $ 74.20 | |
| | | $ 121.22 |
| Balance Sept., 1 | | $ 555.23 |
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| Oct. 20.—By Printing Reports | $ 36.90 | |
| National dues, by Miss Clay | $ 50.00 | |
| National dues, by Mrs. James Bennett | $ 35.00 | |
| Total | $ 121.90 | |
| By balance | $1206.13 | |
| | | $1328.03 |

## AUDITOR'S REPORT, OCT. 25. 1912.

I have examined the books and find them correct with a balance of $1,206.13.

LAURA R. WHITE,
**Acting Auditor.**

## REPORT OF STATE MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Louisville Convention, 1911, was printed in the minutes of 1912.

Representatives of the Ky. E. R. A., who attended the Philadelphia Convention of 1912 were as follows:Miss Mary Neville; Mrs. Charles Firth; Mrs. Mary E. Giltner; Mrs. Mary C. Cramer; Mrs. Mary C. Cantrill; Miss Lide Faut; Mrs. Emil Tachau; Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Miss Emma Hast; Mrs. James A. Leech; Miss Laura Clay.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

### Ashland E. R. A.

The Ashland Equal Rights Association has held six meetings since the last convention. The Ohio meeting was the first. Mrs. J. B. Eifort, our representative, gave an interesting account of the National and State convention.

Have 15 members enrolled and 40 enrolled members, 55 in all. We sent six dollars dues this year through our (acting) state treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Roebuck. We are glad it is as much as it is. Have spread literature and are wearing Votes for Women. Take seven copies of the Woman's Journal. Two of our members moved to other states this year.

Hope this may prove the best convention. Greeting to all.

(MRS.) W. H. BAGLEY, Secretary

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### Bowling Green, Warren Co. E. R. A.

Our Association numbers 128 and many of the cards given out to the W. C. T. U., last year have never been collected. They were signed, and if collected and placed in the hands of the President would substantially increase the membership.

We had very few meetings during the past year, but we placed a copy of the Woman's Journal in the reading room of the Y. M. C. A., got three new subscribers for the Journal, supplied literature for four suffrage debates, distributed literature and had a lecture from Miss Clay

There is no vacancy in our School Board at present and only 70 women registered, as they reasoned that it was useless to register until they had an opportunity to vote. This opportunity will come next year and we hope to make a good showing.

Our most mortifying failure is our failure to get members who are willing to pay dues, but we try to atone for this by sending all the money to the state treasury.

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,
President Bowling Green E. R. A.

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### Clark Co. Equal Rights Association.

The following ladies are officers of the Clark Co. E. R. A.:
Mrs. J. G. Johns, President;
Mrs. H. C. Thompson, First Vice-president.
Mrs. H. H. Phillips, Second Vice-president.
Mrs. J. W. Poynter, Third Vice-president.
Mrs. J. T. Beckner, Treasurer.
Miss Susan W. Buckner, Secretary.

## Campbell County Equal Rights Association.

During the past year our Association held ten meetings and had a regular plan of work. We studied the Legal Status of Women in other countries; also current events were discussed.

We distributed a great deal of literature—had it delivered directly to the lady of the house. After trying for three years we succeeded in getting "Peace Day" observed in the public schools. One hour was set aside on May 18th in every school room by order of Mr. Hammond, Superintendent. We gained some new members, but lost two by death—Mrs. William H. McCormick and Mr. Charles Smith. We have 142 enrolled members.

There are only 508 women registered, but we are happy to say that it was the more intelligent element that did so.

Respectfully,
HANNAH L. SPRING,
Secretary.

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## Covington Equal Rights Association.

The Covington Equal Rights Association meets regularly the second Friday of each month at the Public Library. The gaining of this regular meeting place is a signal victory, because for years it has been denied on account of the Association's being considered political. During the year a reception and an open evening meeting were held to which invitations were issued, and at which good speakers made suffrage speeches.

In June this Association organized what is known in Covington as "The Citizens' Public School League," whose chef business is to nominate and elect good men for the Board of Education and otherwise to look to the needs of the Public Schools.

Ten new members, interested enough to pay a stipulated amount in dues, have been added to the Association. These members are not "the ashamed to be heard and seen kind," but are earnest workers, reliable and energetic, and ready to sacrifice some things for the sake of woman suffrage. A subscription to the Woman's Journal has been renewed for another year for use in the Public Library and about fifteen other subscriptions have been secured by this Association, five of which were by outside people whom we wish to convert.

Our Corresponding Secretary sent a letter of congratulation and commendation to President Taft on his appointment of a woman, Miss Julia C. Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau. She also sent letters of appeal to the President and to the Chairman of Appropriations, urging the passage of the bill appropriating $250,000 for the prosecution of those engaged in the white slave traffic.

Two of our members assisted with speeches during the amendment campaign in Ohio; many assisted on election day (Sept. 3rd) and some money was also sent. In response to an invitation from the Editor of the Kentucky Post an exhibition of dolls was made at Ludlow Lagoon Aug., 11th to 20th, which comprised 60 dolls and four horses (toys) representing the New York Suffrage parade of last May. Each toy suffragist carried a banner bearing a pertinent suffrage argument. The display was pleasing, amusing and instructive, and from reports, it is evident that this piece of advertising made quite a few converts. This Association keeps the subject before the public by answering newspaper articles wherein women are even in the least involved.

We have met with great losses in the deaths of Mrs. Mary B. Trim-

ble and Mrs. Mary L. Reynolds, two valued members, whose moral and financial support were important factors in the growth and success of this Association.

JESSIE E. FIRTH, President.
NANCY M. DUKE, Secretary,

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**Fayette Equal Rights Association.**

The Fayette E. R. A. reports that in the past year it has received about fifty-eight new members and also that in this time it has seen many indications of an increased interest in woman suffrage among the people of Fayette County.

KATE S. PAYNE, Secretary.

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**Harrodsburg Equal Rights Association.**

From a letter from the president.

You may be interested to know thet although we have no school election in Harrodsburg this November (1912) 169 women registered out of only 800 who registered at all. At least a good beginning! 31 members enrolled.

Trusting for better things and believing in them for the future.

Very sincerely yours,

(MRS.) FRANCES SMITH RIKER,
President Harrodsburg E. R. A.

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**Louisville Woman Suffrage Association.**

The Woman Suffrage Association of Louisville reaped a rich harvest of enthusiastic recruits from the Convention of the National Association growing from a membership of 225 to one numbering 425 Because of this large membership it was thought expedient to divide the city into 21 district groups with chairmen of those groups as members of a central commttee to meet with the executive board when called. These chairmen distributed literature and buttons, arranged meetings with Parent-Teacher Association along the line of work planned by the Special Meetings Committee, thus adding 25 new members, and held meetings in their own groups.

Public meetings were held the third Friday of each month in the Library. The President of the Association spoke at Socialist Hall and debated the question of full suffrage at one of the Social Centers.

All summer and fall the Association was busy with the house to house canvass to bring out a full registration. The eleventh ward which was assigned to the Association registered 1,415 women—the city at large nearly 12,000. Members of the Association were to be found working in all of the wards, either as chairmen or precinct workers.

It seems fitting and proper before closing this report to speak of the removal to New York of Miss Virginia P. Robinson, who for several years was President of the Association. Under her leadership we grew from a membership of 165 to one numbering 450. Miss Robinson carries the wishes of the Association for success in her new work.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA J. WOERNEY, President.

## Madison E. R. A.

The Madison Co. E. R. A., has done a good deal of work this year. It has some more members, men and women, and has arranged to make canvass of the county for new members.

It has secured a room down town for an indefinite time in which to hold meetings.

It has secured some new subscribers to the Woman's Journal.

It has paid state and national dues on 350 members, amounting to $122.50.

It secured a copy of the three volumes of the History of Woman's Suffrage and voted to present them to Berea College.

It appointed three members who attend to putting items favorable to woman suffrage in the three newspapers of Richmond.

It has given ten dollars as a prize for the best speech in favor of woman suffrage at the State Normal School of Eastern Kentucky.

It has put up posters about woman suffrage in the windows of the principal stores in town; and has placed a black-board on the Speakers' Stand in the Courthouse yard, on which from time to time some suffrage item is written, such as "Women now vote at all elections on the same terms as men in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington and California. Why not in Kentucky?"

The placard is read with much interest by the people; and has induced some men to make public speeches in favor of woman suffrage.

Respectfully submitted,
(MRS.) SARAH C. BENNETT, President.

## Meade and Hardin Counties' Equal Rights Association.

The Meade and Hardin Counties E. R. A., has a membership of 94 men and women.

We have had quite a number of parlor speakings and also a debate. Subject: Should Woman be enfranchised? Some of our most prominent people took part in the discussion. The verdict was given in favor of Woman Suffrage.

Mrs. Ada Withers Bunger addressed the Willing Workers in the West Point Baptist Church, and distributed copies of the Woman's Journal through the crowd. Several names were secured and some enthusiasm displayed. One woman declared she would get a soap box and speak for "Votes for Women."

Our club workers are sending literature to those they think are most in need of instruction and have paved a way that is leading to good results.

Respectfully submitted,
(MRS.) ADA WITHERS BUNGER.

## Oldham Co. Equal Rights Committee.

Extract from letter to Miss Clay.

"I hoped to get more signatures to send you. So far I have only six. We have a fine community here. but the people are not educated on woman suffrage. Yours, I think, is the only address ever given here on that subject."

Yours, sincerely,
FLORENCE BARLOW,
(Chairman of Committee.)

## Report of Credentials Committee.

This Committee reported that the officers and delegates present were entitled to cast 104 votes.

Among the out of town officers and delegates who attended were: Covington and Newport—Mrs. Charles Firth, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sedden Duke, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Giltner, Mrs. M. Roebuck, Miss Junie Scales.

Madison County—Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. Hattie Buchanan, Mrs. James Bennett, Mrs. Warfield Bennett, Mrs. Walter Parks, Mrs. William Parks, Mrs. D. M. Phelps.

Frankfort—Mrs. T. J. Smith.

Louisville—Mrs. James Leech ,Miss Emma Hast, Miss Laura R. White.

Georgetown—Mrs. James E. Cantrill.

**The Resolutions of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.**

Resolved, That we favor the International Court of Arbitration; and the continuance of the Peace Department by the N. A. W. S. A.

Second, That we petition the next Kentucky General Assembly to submit an amendment to the constitution of the State conferring full suffrage upon women.

Third. That we rejoice that all of the political parties in the State of New York, New Jersey, Arizona ,Montana and Iowa have put Woman Suffrage planks in their platform because we hope that this action will help establish full suffrage for women in those states.

Fourth, That we tender our thanks to the press for their very full and favorable report of our convention.

Fifth, That we express to the Fayette Equal Rights Association our grateful appreciation of their generous and gracious entertainment and to all friends for their many kindnesses.

(Signed)

MRS. JAMES BENNETT,
MRS. CHARLES FIRTH.
MRS. W. T. LAFFERTY.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LABEL BLUE GRASS